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EUROPE.

Signing of the Terms of Peace Officially Declared.

British Indisposition to Humiliate France Shown.

The French Press on the Harsh Conditions Imposed.

The Proposed German Entry Into the French Capital.

Atrocious Murder by a Mob of Parisian "Reds."

Spanish Imperiousness Toward the Viceroy of Egypt.

PEACE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Bordeaux Informed of Last—M. Thiers' Return—Wilhelm Telegraphs the News to Augusta.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 26.—An official dispatch from Paris states that the preliminaries of peace have been signed.

M. THIERS will arrive in Bordeaux to-morrow.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The Emperor WILLIAM telegraphs from Versailles to the Empress AUGUSTA as follows:

With a deeply-moved heart, in gratitude to God, I inform you that the preliminaries of peace have been signed. The Bordeaux Assembly must yet ratify them. WILHELM.

Sentiment of the French Assembly—A Protest to be Made by the Extreme and Moderate "Left" Against Ceding Territory.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 27.—Noon.—The Assembly will hold no session today. THIERS and PICARD are expected to arrive here this evening.

A meeting of the Deputies belonging to the extreme and moderate "Left" was held last night to prepare a common protest against the cession of French territory, but no action was taken.

The Announcement in the British Parliament—The Ambassador in France not to Accompany the Germans into Paris.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—In the House of Commons, to-night, Mr. OTWAY, formerly Under-Secretary of the Foreign Department, after stating the reported terms of peace between Germany and France, asked if Her Majesty's Government had made any effort to mitigate their severity.

Mr. GLADSTONE replied that Count von BISMARCK, the German Minister, had notified Earl GRANVILLE and himself that the preliminaries of peace were signed this morning. He added that the diplomatic representatives of the British Government in France had been instructed not to accompany the Germans on their entry into Paris and declined to make any further response to the question.

The Peace News in Berlin—Impromptu Celebration—Six Weeks of Mourning for Victims of the War—The Army then to Enter in Triumph—Preparing to Return to Germany.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The news of the conclusion of peace has occasioned immense excitement in this city. The streets are crowded, the houses are decorated with flags and festoons, and there are thousands of people in front of the palace. There is to be a general illumination to-night.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The triumphal entry of the Germans into Berlin has been delayed two months, as the whole of Germany will observe six weeks of mourning for the victims of the war.

M. ROTHSCHILD has been summoned to Versailles, as have also the railway Presidents, who are to arrange to carry the German troops back to their own country.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Cruel Demands of Count Bismarck—Threatened Rupture of Negotiations on Account of the Severe Exactions—Bitter Denunciations by the French Press.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The *Journal des Debats* comments on the cruel terms of peace imposed on France, and says THIERS and FAVRE were several times on the point of breaking off negotiations at the risk of the resumption of hostilities, and yielded only to dire necessity. BISMARCK at first demanded an indemnity of 10,000,000,000 francs, and it was reduced to the sum finally agreed upon only by the most strenuous exertions.

The journals continue to assail Germany in the bitterest terms.

Preconditions Made by the French Representatives—The Efforts to Save Metz Fruitless—Delay in Consequence of Neutral Intervention—Further Details of the Terms.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The *Telegraph* of today has a dispatch from Versailles 26th, which says M. THIERS proposed the purchase of Luxembourg by France, and to transfer it to Germany if Metz were restored to France.

M. THIERS offered another milliard of thalers to keep Metz, but the offer was refused.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The Cologne *Gazette* says the signature of the preliminaries to the treaty of peace was delayed by the intervention of the English, Russian and Austrian Governments. The Italian Government declined to interfere.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The preliminaries of peace were signed yesterday at 5½ P. M. The war indemnity is fixed at five milliards of francs, for the payment of which three years' time is granted, the Germans to hold the fortresses until it is paid.

The armistice is prolonged a week. The Germans enter Paris immediately.

THE FRENCH CAPITAL.

Thirty Thousand Germans to March to the Place de la Concorde—The Journals to Suspend Publication on that Day—Conflicts with the People Apprehended—The French Troops Disarmed.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—It has been stipulated that only 30,000 German troops shall enter Paris, and that they shall not march beyond the Place de la Concorde.

Several journals announce that they will suspend publication during the occupation of the city; and all recommend the inhabitants to remain within doors and close their shutters.

The authorities are very uneasy in regard to the attitude of the population when the Prussians march in. The National Guard have been under arms all night, and perfect order has prevailed. But the Guards and the regular troops are greatly discontented, and it is doubtful if they can be depended upon to restrain the people from violence at the appearance of the enemy.

Republican Manifestations—Refusal of the Police Authorities to be Responsible if the Germans Enter—Rumor Regarding the Intentions of the German Emperor.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The Republican manifestations continue. There is perfect order, but the feeling among the people is strong and deep for future revenge upon Germany. The Prefect of Police refuses to assume responsibility for the preservation of order if the Prussians enter the city.

The departure of the Germans will be preceded by a review in the Champ de Mars.

LONDON, Feb. 27—1½ P. M.—It is now thought the German Army will not enter Paris, and it is said the Emperor and Prince Imperial will certainly not do so.

The Emperor WILLIAM is much improved in health.

The London *Telegraph* has a special dispatch from Versailles, 26th, announcing that the Emperor WILLIAM will lunch at the Elysée Bourbon with his Court, and return to Berlin next Saturday.

A Paris dispatch says the mortality has greatly decreased, and provisions are abundant.

An Atrocity Committed by a Paris Mob—Horrible Murder of a Police Agent.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—Sunday being the anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of 1848, the "Reds" held a mass-meeting on the Place de la Bastille. The demonstration was disorderly and terminated in a scene of revolting atrocity. A Police agent, who attempted to interfere for the preservation of the peace, was seized by the enraged crowd, fastened to a plank, and thrown into the Seine, where, after struggling for some time, he was drowned. As long as he could be seen above the surface he was pelted with stones by the crowd on the quay. A Magistrate, who attempted to save the unfortunate man, was threatened with similar treatment, and was finally obliged to fly for his life.

FRENCH POLITICS.

The Reported Orleanist and Legitimist Fusion—The Marseilles Election Annulled.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The *Morning Post* contradicts the report of the fusion of the Legitimists and Orleanists.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—It is said the Marseilles elections have been annulled, and that M. DELIGNY declines to assume the Deputyship of the Government in that city.

MISCELLANEOUS WAR NEWS.

French Violations of the Geneva Convention—Movement of Troops Toward Rouen.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A circular has been issued by BISMARCK recounting the breaches of the Geneva Convention by the French during the war.

A dispatch from Amiens, 26th, says an order has been received for a movement of troops toward Rouen.

SPAIN AND EGYPT.

Origin of the Difficulty—Unreasonable Course of the Spanish Government—Course of Egypt Approved by Other Consuls.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The difficulty between Spain and Egypt originated in a complaint made by a dragoman attached to the Spanish Consulate at Cairo that he had been maltreated by the Police. The Egyptian Government proposed an investigation. This Spain refuses, demanding immediate satisfaction. The Consuls of the other Governments at Cairo approve of Egypt's course.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

British Foreign Relations—Official Explanations in the House of Commons—The Scottish National Education Bill.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—In the House of Commons, this evening, in reply to a question, Viscount ENFIELD, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said the Government was anxious to define its external duties toward other nations. It had, last year, proposed parliamentary legislation upon the subject, and had recently sent a commission to Washington. The subject was still under consideration.

The Scottish National Education bill came up, and provoked an earnest debate.

The Marquis of HARTINGTON, in debate on the state of Ireland, announced that there was a marked improvement in the preservation of order and the observance of law, partly due to legislation and partly to a more vigorous police. It was, however, necessary to ask the House for a committee to devise further measures and to grant greater powers to enable the Government to effectually repress the mischief of secret combinations in Ireland.

Mr. DISRAELI showered ridicule and contempt on the Government, which, after the labors of the last session and the extraordinary powers conferred upon it, had been able to do so little for Ireland. Parliament, at the instance of the Government legalized confiscation, consecrated sacrilege and condoned high treason, yet the Premier confessed that he could not govern Westmeath alone, and made himself ridiculous by asking for further extraordinary powers to that end.

Here the speaker was interrupted by cheers and counter-cheers, and there was great disorder in the House.

Mr. DISRAELI concluded by declaring that the Government only asked for these powers and this Committee to cover the failure of its policy and shift the responsibility on Parliament.

Messrs. GARDNER and HARDY assisted the Irish Administration for its dependence on terrorism. Mr. HARDY charged that the proposal for a committee to devise measures was a pretext to protect the Premier from the consequence of his rash and indiscreet language.

The House adjourned.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Prince CHARLES, of Roumania, it is now announced, is still resolved to abdicate.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27.—The harbor of Odessa is free of ice.

Mysterious Shooting Affair.

At an early hour yesterday morning JAMES HALEY, of No. 416 East Eighteenth-street, entered the Twenty-second-street Station-house with a pistol-shot wound in his thigh, which, upon examination, was found to be serious, and he was sent to Bellevue Hospital. He stated that he had been shot while standing on the sidewalk in Twentieth-street, near First-avenue, but denied that he knew who had injured him, and declined to give any details of the affair.

POSTSCRIPT.

TIMES OFFICE, FEB. 28—4 A. M.

LATEST FRENCH NEWS.

Excitement in Paris—The National Guards Pointing Artillery at the Champs Elysees—A Call to Arms—Opposition to the Entry of the Germans.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The excitement is intense in some parts of the city. It is said the National Guards want to point their artillery at the Champs Elysées.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 27.—The *Etoile Belge* says a call to arms was sounded in Paris on Sunday night. A body of the Nationals and Regulars went to the Avenue des Ternes to oppose the entry of the Prussians. Should the latter persist in entering the city, painful scenes are expected.

The Treaty in Bavaria—Action of the French Lost—Territory of France to be Occupied Pending the Payment of Indemnity—The Armistice Prolonged to the 12th of March.

MUNICH, Feb. 27.—The King of Bavaria has received a telegram from the Emperor WILLIAM, announcing the signing of the preliminary conditions of peace.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 27.—At the meeting of the Left last night, LOUIS BLANC said the union of the different sections of the Left would produce an excellent effect; but this meeting was untimely, because it was held to protest against conditions yet unknown. M. GAMBETTA recommended that the meeting suspend its protest until the conditions were officially announced to the Assembly, then all should adopt the same line of action, but no formal engagement for united action should now be entered into.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The *Journal des Debats* says that during the three years allowed for the payment of the indemnity, 50,000 Prussian troops will occupy Champagne, exercising the right of recognition and living at the expense of the French Government. If the payment is completed before the time expires, Champagne will be immediately evacuated.

It is understood that during the occupation of the city, unarmed detachments of the enemy will be permitted to visit the public edifices in all parts of the city, but the army corps of 30,000 men will not leave the Faubourg Honore.

The Times special correspondent at Versailles, telegraphs that the armistice has been prolonged to the 12th of March.

The Convention stipulates for the occupation of Paris by 30,000 men, between the Seine and the Faubourg Honore, and from the Place de la Concorde to Avenue des Ternes. No requisition will be made by the troops, who will be quartered in public buildings.

It the armistice is to be broken off, three days' notice will be required.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Publication of the Alabama Correspondence in England—Luxemburg.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Foreign Office to-night makes public the correspondence between the Governments of the United States and Great Britain, preliminary to the appointment of the Joint High Commission. It is identical with that already sent to the American Congress by President GRANT.

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 27.—Notice has been given of an interpellation concerning the recent action of the Government of the Grand Duchy.

WEST INDIES.

The Haytian Revolution—San Domingo—Settlers from South America Preparing to Enter—Death of a Portlander in Havana.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Feb. 12, via HAVANA, Feb. 27.—The revolution is unimportant, and the Government continues popular.

SAN DOMINGO, Feb. 10, via HAVANA, Feb. 27.—The United States Commissioners were received enthusiastically everywhere. The country is almost unanimously in favor of annexation. Agents of Venezuela, Costa Rica and Nicaragua had arrived, and were awaiting an order to return to organize colonists, who intend to go to San Domingo the moment that annexation becomes a certainty. It is rumored that CABRAL and LUPERON are inciting revolutionary movements on the frontier, but receive little encouragement. The country otherwise is quiet.

HAVANA, Feb. 27.—ISAAC FERNALD, of Portland, died at Cardenas, yesterday, from injuries accidentally received.

THE WEST.

Libraries to be Opened on Sunday in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 27.—The Cincinnati School Board to-night decided to open the public library on Sunday.... A trades' assembly to-night repudiated the recent action of the Labor Reform Party, by which the latter determined on an independent political movement.

An Escaped Prisoner Murders His Divorced Wife and Shoots Himself—An Express Robber Arrested.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 27.—A dispatch from Neenah, Wis., says JOHN HISS, who had been confined in the jail at Oshkosh, escaped last Saturday night and immediately went to Neenah, to his former home; thence he went to the home of his divorced wife and murdered her, first shooting her and then cutting her throat from ear to ear. The murderer then repaired to his brother's house and hid in the attic. There he was discovered yesterday morning and an effort was made to arrest him, when he shot himself through the head.... EVERARD L. WARDWOOD, was arrested at Alden, Wis., on Saturday, as one of the robbers of the United States Express Company, on the Missouri and Pacific Railroad, last Fall. He was a brakeman on the train at the time of the robbery. He was arrested at the house of his father, where he has been living since the robbery. He had loaned his father $2,000. He is about twenty years of age, and is now in Woodstock, Ill., jail.

Collapse of a Savings Bank in Wheeling, Va.—Excitement and Indignation of the Depositors—The Defaulting Cashier in Jail—Incendiarism.

WHEELING, West Va., Feb. 27.—The Wheeling Savings Institution, which has enjoyed the confidence of the community for many years, went into liquidation this morning. The bank was closed, and its assets delivered to the custody of Hon. D. LAMB, trustee. Its liabilities are stated at $180,000. There was between $80,000 and $85,000 belonging to the City Sinking Fund on deposit, and many private individuals and working men had all their savings there. The capital stock of the institution was but $60,000. A. C. QUARRIER, the defaulting cashier, is now in jail. The city has been terribly excited over the affair since Saturday evening. Mr. QUARRIER has turned over all his personal property and effects, bonds, policy of insurance, stocks, furniture, &c.

Last night, the building on Main-street, occupied by C. H. BERRY, was discovered to be on fire. The fire burned severely for an hour, but finally was subdued. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Mr. BERRY received a letter through the Post-office a week ago, written in a disguised hand, saying that the writer determined to break him up; that he had burned him out and would do it again until he had ruined him and satisfied his own revenge.

LATE EUROPEAN MAIL NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAM-SHIP CITY OF PARIS.

The arrival at this port last night of the steamship *City of Paris*, which left Liverpool on Feb. 15 and Queenstown on Feb. 17, supplies advices later by two days than those of which a summary will be found on the second page of this impression. We reprint from the London *Echo* a story concerning the assassination of FERRE, which needs confirmation to be held wholly accurate, but which has a comprehensiveness of detail and a coherence, giving it an air of truthfulness not easily disregarded.

EASTERN AFFAIRS.

The Neutrality of the Black Sea and the English Government.

In the sitting of the House of Lords, on Feb. 14, Lord CAIRNS directed attention to the statement made by Mr. GLADSTONE on the opening night of the session, respecting the provision in the Paris Treaty of 1856 relating to the neutrality of the Black Sea, which was to the effect that the stipulation could not be upheld, and that Lord PALMERSTON and the Earl of CLARENDON were of opinion that it could not be maintained, although both these statesmen had recommended its being it about, and that France and Austria had declared their indifference to the matter. What he desired to know was the authority on which the head of the Government had made the statement. Turning next to the Gortschakoff circular, the noble and learned Lord condemned its undiplomatic manner, and as applying the idea contained in some quotations that the silence assumed upon the independence of Turkey lurked behind it. He put it to their Lordships whether, in these circumstances, the Premier had not committed a grave indiscretion in using such language while the Conference on the Treaty of 1856 was sitting. Earl GRANVILLE expressed his concurrence with the statement of Mr. GLADSTONE that he did not consider the Black Sea stipulations as the only points of importance in the treaty. The circumstances of the times were now changed, for Turkey had a strong fleet, whereas in 1856 she had none. With regard to Lord CLARENDON's opinions, the Premier must have been mistaken; but Lord PALMERSTON had actually notified to Parliament his opinion that within ten years from the conclusion of the treaty Russia would make further attempts at aggression. Happily, however, that prediction had not been fulfilled. The Marquis of SALISBURY was equally glad that the Conference began before the Premier publicly declared that the neutralization of the Black Sea was an object especially worthless. There was no precedent in our parliamentary history in which a Prime Minister during the sitting of a Conference had thrown discredit upon the cause. His Plenipotentiary was engaged in maintaining. Admitting that Mr. GLADSTONE, when in opposition, denounced the policy of exacting the neutralization of the Black Sea from Russia, he yet maintained that it was the duty of a Minister to maintain the policy of the British Government, and Empire, and not to quote his own personal opinion when in opposition to damage that policy. The discussion ended at a few minutes past 6, when their Lordships adjourned.

Navigation of the Dardanelles.

The *Eastern Budget*, which possesses a semi-official character, has reason to believe that an understanding has been arrived at between the Powers on the question of the navigation of the Dardanelles. The appendix to the Treaty of Paris, known as the Convention des Detroits, under which the Porte is bound to exclude foreign ships of war from the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, with the exception of a limited number of vessels for the service of the embassies and the protection of the mouths of the Danube, is to be abolished. In future no restrictions whatever are to be placed on the power of the Porte to admit ships of war into the Dardanelles. As to the Danubian question, it is understood, that the International Danubian Commission is to be continued, though its subject will not be directly dealt with at the Black Sea Conference. This entirely agrees with the views of Austria in the matter, although the initiative of the arrangement did not proceed from the Austro-Hungarian Government. The Commission will, it is said, in future sit in London, instead of in Paris, where a sort of permanent conference for the fulfillment of the Treaty of Paris and the obligations created by the Paris Treaty has existed since 1856.

FRANCE.

Details of the Late Railway Disaster Near Marseilles.

Details are given by the Marseilles journals of the terrible railway accident which took place on the 5th, between that town and Toulon. The train started from Marseilles at 7¾ o'clock in the morning. It consisted of twenty carriages—the number of passengers we are not told. At the end of the passenger-carriages was a post-office van, and immediately behind this came four wagons filled with powder. The train had already traversed four-fifths of the hour and was approaching its destination, when the explosion took place. At the time it was fortunately in the open country. There can be little doubt that, had the accident occurred close to a large town, the fatal results would not have been confined to the train itself. As it was, the shock was distinctly felt at Toulon, which lies 18 or 20 miles away from the scene of the accident; roofs were blown away from houses for a considerable distance around; and the rails were torn up over a length of 150 metres. Another terrible effect of the accident was that the eyes of many of the passengers were blown out of their heads, while the bodies of others were riddled with splinters of glass and wood. As we have already said, there were in the train twenty carriages; of these eleven were completely, nine almost entirely destroyed. About sixty-three people were killed on the spot; those who have since died of their injuries raise the total number of the killed to between seventy and eighty; the wounded are generally set down at about eighty. The precise spot at which the explosion took place is between Bandon and Ollioules, two towns in the Department of Var, the one nine, the other five miles from Toulon. The cause of the explosion is still a matter of conjecture.

Insurrection in Algeria.

The *Semaphore* of Marseilles and the *Gazette du Midi* state that serious disturbances have occurred in the Province of Constantine. The town of Souk-Ahras was attacked on the 25th ult., and the following day, by a large body of Arabs. The next day it was relieved by the arrival of a French flying-column. More than fifty towns have been burnt and sacked, and twelve corpses of civilians have been found in the neighborhood. The ironclad frigate *La Provence* was despatched in haste from Algiers to Bône with reinforcements.

Arrest of More of the Great Counterfeiting Gang—Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Circulated by Them.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Col. WHITELEY, Chief of the United States Secret Detective Service, arrested at Hooksett, N. H., yesterday, WILLIAM B. DOW, the leading man of a gang of counterfeiters. DOW has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars of spurious money throughout the New-England States. It is supposed that he was also engaged in the Lime Rock Bank robbery, as well as the Norway Bank of Maine, and Wolfboro Bank of New-Hampshire. He was brought to Boston this afternoon. ALBERT FENNE, another of the gang, was arrested at Lowell this afternoon by United States officers. FENNE was sentenced for ten years to State Prison for counterfeiting, and was pardoned out about a year ago by the Governor.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 27.—One more juror was obtained today in the Fiskin case, making seven.

READING, Penn., Feb. 27.—Major JOHN FRITZ, Postmaster of this city, died this morning. He served throughout the entire war in the Ninety-third Regiment, and was seriously wounded several times.

THE HIGH COMMISSION.

Preliminary Meeting at the State Department Yesterday—The Members Present—All Proceedings to be Kept Secret.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Joint High Commission met at the State Department this morning, for the first time. There were present of the British branch, Earl DE GREY, Prof. BUMPASTD, Sir EDWARD THORNTON and Lord TENTERDEN, Secretary; of the American branch, Secretary FISH, Justice NELSON and Gen. SCHENCK, with Mr. BANCROFT DAVIS, as Secretary. Judge HOAR has not yet arrived, and Senator WILLIAMS will not accept until the expiration of his Senatorial term, on Saturday. The meeting today was for the purpose of preparing for work. It lasted about an hour, and then adjourned until Saturday. There will be a joint organization of the two branches of the Commission, but Mr. FISH, as senior Commissioner on the American side, and Earl DE GREY, as senior Commissioner on the British side, will preside over their respective branches. Among the resolutions agreed to today was one that the proceedings of the Commission should be kept strictly secret. All statements, therefore, purporting to give what occurs before the Commission must be looked upon as fictitious.

What the British Commissioners are Empowered to Do—They Cannot Make No Final Settlement.

In the House of Lords on the 14th of February, Lord CAIRNS asked whether the object of the Joint Commission was to settle the questions in dispute between the United States and British North America, and the questions between the United States and Great Britain connected with the late war, or only to determine a manner in which such questions may be placed in a way of settlement. He also wished to ask "whether this Commission is bound by the determinations of a majority of the Commission, and whether there is in the Commission any and what provision for an umpirage in the event of the Commission being equally divided."

Earl GRANVILLE replied—The noble and learned Lord did not mention in the House his intention of putting the question, and having been obliged to do so himself with two foreign Ministers, I have only just seen his notice; but I have no objection to answer his question. Perhaps it would be better to read a short extract from the commission itself, which states that it is appointed for the purpose of discussing, in a friendly spirit, with Commissioners to be appointed on the part of certain friends, the United States, or arbitrators, the various questions on which differences have arisen, &c., and of treating for an agreement as to the mode of their amicable settlement. The noble and learned Lord will understand, therefore, that our Commissioners are not arbitrators, empowered to make a final settlement of the questions, but that if they come to an agreement as to the mode of settlement, whether arbitration or otherwise, they will report to their respective Governments. There is, therefore, no question of a majority or minority on the Commission. It would be inconvenient at present to read the entire instructions given to the Commissioners, but I see no objection to reading a statement forward the end of them, which is as follows:

"Her Majesty's Government request, however, that if the mode of dealing with any particular matter which you may be disposed to agree to should vary materially from the manner of settlement to which I have informed you Her Majesty's Government are prepared to agree, or in case if any disagreement of importance arising between yourselves and the American High Commissioners, you should at once report by telegraph and await further instructions."

In reply to the Earl of CARNARVON, who asked whether the Alabama question was included in the scope of the Commission, Earl GRANVILLE replied in the affirmative.

THE MURDERER BULLOFF.

The Last Effort of His Counsel—Great Change in the Condemned.

Last evening GEORGE BECKER, Esq., of Binghamton, counsel of the burglar and murderer EDWARD H. BULLOFF, who has labored professionally with great zeal in the cause of the condemned, arrived in the City, for the purpose of making a last effort to save the life, at least for a time, of his client, who is sentenced to be executed, in the yard of Binghamton Jail, on Friday next. The object of Mr. BECKER is to lay the case of BULLOFF before Hon. CHARLES RAFAILO, one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals, who resides in this City, for the purpose of asking a stay of proceedings, in order to have the case heard in the Court of Appeals. In case he is successful in this application, the execution will be indefinitely postponed, as it will be several weeks before the case can be heard and decided in that high tribunal. But Mr. BECKER is not too hopeful in showing Judge RAFAILO that manifest error has been committed, to the injury of the prisoner, both in the Broome County Over and Terminer, where he was tried, and in the Supreme Court, General Term, of the Sixth District, Third Department, where the proceedings were reviewed. It is considered that the last chance of the condemned is gone, as no hope is entertained that Gov. HOFFMAN will interfere in his behalf.

The prisoner has at last lost that sturdy confidence in himself and face which has buoyed him up so long and served him so well during his tortuous career. He has abandoned that indifference to his spiritual welfare which has been one of his leading characteristics from his earliest childhood, and no longer rejects the ministrations and comforts of religion. He is no longer possessed by his philological mania, and has exchanged his dreams of "Method in the Formation of Languages" for a diligent and serious study of the Bible. In other respects his manhood is unchanged, he is not greatly agitated by dread of his impending doom, which he has come to believe is certain. There is nothing yet made public to warrant the belief that he has made or will make any confession concerning the many dark and terrible crimes he is supposed of having committed. Binghamton and its surrounding country are greatly agitated by his case, as this will be the first execution in the county. It is expected that the city will be crowded with strangers on Friday, although the execution will be strictly private, as Sheriff MARTIN will rigidly obey the law, and the jail-yard will hardly accommodate the few permitted by the statute to be present.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Monday, Feb. 27, at 11:57 o'clock:

Place of Observation.	Barometer	Thermometer	Direction of Wind	Force of Wind	Force of the Wind.	State of the Weather
Augusta, Ga.	30.20	41	W.	8	Gentle.	Clear.
Baltimore	30.19	37	N.W.	1	Brisk.	Clear.
Boston, Mass.	30.20	32	N.W.	1	Very Brisk.	Fair.
Buffalo	30.02	28	W.	1	Gentle.	Snow.
Charleston	30.20	52	N.W.	1	Very Gentle	Fair.
Cheyenne	30.14	27	S.W.	1	Brisk.	Clear.
Chicago, Ill.	30.16	29	S.W.	1	Brisk.	Clear.
Cincinnati, O.	30.10	34	W.	1	Very Gentle	Clear.
Cleveland	30.16	29	S.W.	1	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Corinne	30.29	28	N.W.	1	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Detroit, Mich.	30.12	30	N.W.	1	Gentle.	Snow.
Dubuque, Iowa	30.24	30	.	.	Calm.	Cloudy.
Dunkirk, N. Y.	30.22	27	.	.	Calm.	Clear.
Key West	30.24	67	N.W.	1	Brisk.	Clear.
Knoxville, Tenn.	30.18	38	N.	1	Very Gentle	Clear.
Lake City, Fla.	30.27	46	.	.	Calm.	Clear.
Milwaukee	30.18	31	S.W.	1	Gentle.	Clear.
Mobile	30.40	49	N.	1	Very Gentle	Clear.
Nashville	30.20	36	N.	1	Very Gentle	Clear.
New-Orleans	30.37	50	N.E.	1	Gentle.	Clear.
New-York	30.20	34	W.	1	Brisk.	Clear.
Omaha	30.03	26	W.	1	Brisk.	Fair.
Oswego	30.17	28	N.W.	1	Brisk.	Snow.
Philadelphia	30.21	37	W.	1	Brisk.	Clear.
Pittsburg	30.12	31	W.	1	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Portland, Me.	30.27	28	N.W.	1	Brisk.	Clear.
Rochester, N.Y.	30.22	29	N.W.	1	Brisk.	Snow.
San Francisco	30.12	51	W.	1	Gentle.	Clear.
Savannah	30.29	48	N.W.	1	Brisk.	Clear.
St. Louis, Mo.	30.17	32	S.	1	Gentle.	Cloudy.
St. Paul, Minn.	30.10	28	S.	1	Brisk.	Cloudy.
Toledo, O.	30.14	29	S.	1	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Washington	30.22	34	N.W.	1	Gentle.	Clear.
Wilmington, N.C.	30.31	50	W.	1	Very Gentle	Clear.
Norfolk	30.11	44	N.W.	1	Brisk.	Clear.
New-London	30.19	31	W.	1	Gentle.	Fair.

Barometer corrected for temperature and elevation.

Synopsis of Weather Reports for the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The barometer has risen rapidly on the East Atlantic coast, with brisk and fresh north-west winds and fair weather, and the area of low barometer has passed far to the eastward of Maine.

The pressure has increased to above the average height on the lower lakes, but clouds and light snow still prevail. Fresh north and west winds and clear weather have been experienced along the Atlantic, Gulf and upper lakes. The barometer is highest in Alabama and Kentucky, whence the pressure diminishes in all directions. A heavy fall in the pressure began early this morning at the Rocky Mountain stations, with southerly winds, and is now felt increasing temperature on the Northwest.

PROBABILITIES.

A disturbance is advancing south-eastward from the North-western Plains, and will be felt on Tuesday on the Upper Lakes and in the Valley of the Mississippi. Fair weather is probable for the Gulf and Atlantic Coast, with fresh winds.

COLLEGE MEMORIES.

Anniversary of the Alumni Association of the Medical Department of the New-York University—Address by Hon. Maynard Conder, M. D., Speaker by Dr. Lozier.

The fifth annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Medical Department of the University of the City of New-York, was held last evening in the lecture-room of the Collegiate R. D. Church, corner of Fifth-avenue and Twenty-ninth-street. Dr. S. S. PURPLE presiding, and Dr. CHAS. I. PARSONS acting as Secretary. The exercises consisted of prayer and an address by Rev. Dr. HENRY CLOSSON, Chancellor of the University, who spoke of the advantages of Alumni Associations in Universities, and urged his hearers to cultivate them and keep alive the pleasing memories connected with their college days. He said that those were days filled with pleasure, and why alumni should not contribute his share to its welfare. The more learned a profession becomes, the more grand are the opportunities presented for the charlatans to deceive those who are ready to be deceived. Every learned profession has its charlatans, so long as human nature remains as it is. The best way to diminish quackery is to band together talented men educated to ask "whether this or that is beneficial to the determination of a majority of the Commission, and whether there is in the Commission any and what provision for an umpirage in the event of the Commission being equally divided."

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EUROPEAN MAIL NEWS.

ARRIVAL AT BOSTON OF THE STEAM-SHIP PARTHIA.

By the arrival on Sunday, at Boston, of the Cunard steam-ship *Parthia*, and the delivery of her mails in this City yesterday, intelligence later by two days than that already at hand is received. The *Parthia* left Liverpool on Feb. 14 and Queenstown on Feb. 15.

INSIDE PARIS.

Spirit of the People—The Question of Water—Northern Railway Sacked—Outside Communication—Speculation in Supplies—Decrease of Suicide—An American Visitor—Arrival of Visitors.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1871.

It is quite impossible to give any idea of the strange state of torpor and sombre despondency which shows itself in every form in the once gay and brilliant capital of the world, under the double weight of domestic dissensions and of foreign oppression. As long as the siege lasted, there was a general feeling of hope that by some miraculous intervention Paris would be spared the humiliation of a capitulation, of which not even the gilded word "armistice" has succeeded in disguising the bitterness. The elections for an Assembly, which is to decide the destinies of the nation, have not the power to interest the general public. I know many of the working classes who refuse to vote, saying, "I voted 'Yes' for the plebiscitum, in May last, and they tell me that my poor 'Yes' helped to bring on the war. I voted 'Yes' in November for the Government of National Defense, which has proved itself incapable, and I am again responsible for the surrender of Paris. I will take no further responsibility. *Que voulez vous?* Let those who know more about such matters manage them themselves. Things cannot be worse, no matter what comes!" This is not the worst—the unreasoning portion of the population are not alone in this demoralization. Paris, of all ranks and classes, is tired of excitement and struggle, and is just in the position to accept another *coup d'état* without murmuring.

THE QUESTION OF FOOD.

Happily, Paris today is not France, and the Assembly at Bordeaux may succeed in galvanizing its benumbed energies, which must be almost extinct or it would not be possible for the "populace" (vide BISMARCK) to put up with the continuation of siege diet, with the certain knowledge that a sufficient quantity of flour has been brought in to supply the entire city for at least twenty-five days with good wheaten bread. Our friends on the outside can never realize that human beings have been fed with the hideous, black, poultice-like compound, which is still dealt out in rations of three hundred grammes (about ten ounces) to each person by the bakers. I have a "big chunk" cut from a lump—impossible to call it loaf—about a week ago, which is still about as soft as putty, and which I intend to dry in the oven to keep it from rotting, and shall preserve it as a memento of the siege. The *Journal Officiel* of this morning removes certain restrictions from the butchers' trade, but says nothing about the bakers', although a very small number of cattle, sheep, &c., have been received, thus continuing to the very end the improvidence and blind neglect of the public interest which have marked the administration of provisions since the beginning of the siege. Every one is convinced that with a different management, Paris would have held out until the middle of the month of March, when Prussia might have been embarrassed in its turn. Not three weeks before it became necessary to ration the bread, JULES FERRY declared authoritatively that this measure would never be resorted to—that the quantities of flour and other provisions were ample to supply Paris for three months longer. On Monday, Jan. 16, I heard from indisputable authority that the Minister of Commerce, having caused a new and strict investigation into the state of the provisions, the quantity, quality, &c., and after the largest estimates as to the wants of the population, it was certain that there would be no lack of food for two months. On Wednesday, the 18th, it was suddenly discovered, or rather suddenly revealed to the members of the Government in council assembled, that the bread would be entirely exhausted by the 4th of February, and that negotiations for an armistice must be entered upon without delay. JULES FERRY tore his hair out by handsful, and GAMBIER PAGES ran out into the street without his hat, his white locks streaming in the wind, rushing home dismayed; and the next day a messenger was dispatched to Versailles, to ask BISMARCK for an audience for M. JULES FAVRE!

WORTHLESS CHIEFS.

The only wonder is that Paris held out so long with such chiefs. Gen. TROCHU when he surveyed the massacre of the Garde Nationale at the redoute of Montretout from the heights of the fortress of Mont Valerien, knew that negotiations for a capitulation were then going on between the King of Prussia and the French Minister of Foreign Affairs. Gen. DUCROT, Imperialist style, who was also in the secret, delayed his arrival with his artillery for two hours in order that the Parisians might have their fighting ardor reduced by a "little blood-letting,"—his proper expression. It is difficult to imagine how a people thus systematically deteriorated by an Empire of twenty years, is to extricate itself from the present state of chaos and horror.

STREET SCENES.

The streets this morning are full and dead, notwithstanding the continued going to and fro of idle soldiers, all of whom have a downcast, listless expression. On the Boulevard Montmartre, and other rendezvous of the dissipated classes, there is some disorders and much drunkenness, but generally the conduct of these disbanded troops is excellent. Never in the palmy days of gay Paris was a woman so free from impertinence as at present. The greater number of the young fellows of the Garde Mobile have their "payse" (Anglice, sweetheart,) in their village, and cast fewer sheep's eyes than their predecessors, the cosmopolitan "gaudins," who infested all public walks once upon a time—a great while ago, it appears to us,—the besieged. Now and then, during the past few days, a sort of deadly-lively aspect has been assumed by the Boulevards and other broad avenues leading to the Porte St. Denis by the appearance of a long train of artillery wagons, cannons and caissons, all being transported beyond the walls to be delivered into the hands of their lawful owners, Meinheeren, the Prussians. Most of the cannon are bright and new, and many have never once been fired. The passers by look on stolidly as the humiliating procession moves on, interrupting the circulation of all other carriages—a really heart-breaking spectacle. True, the press of carriages and omnibuses is not very great. We have eaten up all the horses of the Cab Company, and the omnibuses are reduced at least three-fourths in number, so that locomotion for those who are not solid pedestrians is difficult. The Omnibus Company promises a return to its former accommodation within a few days. We must wait until the country is settled to enjoy the convenience of the little carriages, so accessible and so cheap in the good old time before the siege.

OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION.

The armistice, with the approach of the Prussian lines to the gates of Paris, has been the signal for immediate communications with the outer world, the main object of which is to ameliorate our prison fare. With an immense deal of perseverance and a certain amount of ruse it was possible in the first few days to procure small quantities of fresh food, butter, chickens, potatoes—all highly-esteemed delicate rarities—at the former prices, but at present almost everything is as dear as within the walls. Great crowds pressed outward and at all the gates, and in one place—near the Fort d'Ivry, I believe—a Prussian sentinel was killed, while at Courbevoie the Prussian guards were ordered to charge with the butt of their guns on a mass of hungry men, women and children too vociferous in their clamor, and several persons were wounded severely. Since that time the Prussian officers have, with their usual extraordinary faculty for reducing everything to a system, allowed some of the peasants to advance within reach of the French, placing a strong guard of soldiers to overlook the transactions and to prevent any one crossing the lines without the regular permit.

SPECULATION IN SUPPLIES.

As it usually happens in these cases, the largest supply of good things has accumulated in the hands of the largest dealers. CHEVET, the famed Purveyor of the Palais Royal, has his windows filled with the most attractive collections of fresh salmon, lobsters, fruits—taking the place of fresh eggs at fifty cents each, and preserved trout at six francs, ($1 20) the slice, and a thin one, at best. The Halles are filled this morning with vegetables, eggs, butter, chickens, rabbits, &c., all of which command very high prices, although about a fourth of these of the siege. Eggs, for instance, at 10 cents each, butter 8 to 10 francs per pound, chicken, 10 to 12 francs. The "boucherie cynique's" occupation's gone. Dogs, cats, rats and mice, whose diminished heads were always hidden, even when their bodies were exposed to the admiring (?) gaze of the hungry, have vanished from the hooks of the butchers' stalls, and will only be retained as a culinary meat by those whose taste may have been depraved in these troublous times. The dog and cat butcher's wife, of the Rue Blanche, is one of the possible instances of this acquired gastronomic propensity. The good woman, a really honest creature, informed me a fortnight ago that she had become entirely accustomed to dog's meat, which she declared had, when good of its kind, exactly the taste of mutton. She further affirmed that the dog diet agreed with her nursling of a four months—born luckily, she said, two days after the siege, instead of a few days before, for, in the latter case, she would assuredly have sent the child out to nurse and could have heard nothing from it during the siege. Her experience with regard to horseflesh accords with my own—that it is not wholesome, even the very best, for every one. It is not astonishing that the mortality in Paris should have been so great, what with the horse, and then his oats for bread. The number of deaths, 4,071, last week, exceeded by 300 any former bill of mortality.

FEW SUICIDES.

A very remarkable feature of the siege has been the diminution in the number of suicides. Only five persons were brought to the Morgue during the month of January, whereas almost every year at this season there is scarcely a day that there are not at least that number exposed, unrecognized, on the marble slabs of this sinister building. This is partly accounted for by the extraordinary provision made for the extreme poor in the "Municipal Cantines"—one of the admirable institutions of the siege.

AN AMERICAN VICTIM.

On Saturday last, Feb. 4, Mr. ZWAGER, of Louisville, was buried from the American Episcopal Chapel, in the Rue Bayard. Mr. ZWAGER was wounded by the bursting of a bomb in his room, in the Rue Casimer-Langue. His foot was so mutilated that amputation was found necessary. For some days he bore the surgical operation so well as to give great hopes of recovery; but although he received every care and attention at the American ambulance, he finally succumbed. The funeral service was performed by Rev. Mr. LAMSON, and was attended by our Minister, Mr. WASHBURNE, and his son, Mr. GRATIOT WASHBURNE, and all the members of the American ambulance.

ARRIVAL OF VISITORS.

A number of Americans, true to the Yankee motto "Go ahead," have succeeded in coming into Paris to get a first look at the transformed capital, in spite of numerous accidents by flood and field. The English Commission, bringing in a present of food, arrived a week ago, but the municipal authorities have not yet done talking over the manner of the distribution, and the hungry crowd await in vain. Physicians caution persons not to return here yet. The Grand Hotel is still an ambulance, and is full of wounded men. The mortality from putrid fever among the amputated soldiers has been something horrible. A general fumigation and purification of the building will be required before it can be opened to the traveling public. Mr. LAURIEN has purchased the entire establishment for a million of dollars. POTOMAC.

IMPERIAL GERMANY.

Affairs at Versailles—The New Emperor and the Crown Prince.

Versailles, Feb. 9, Correspondence London Daily News.

I have been this morning sitting with a friend who, under the promise of the strictest secrecy, has given me an account of the condition of affairs here. I trust, therefore, that no one will mention anything that may be found in this letter directly or indirectly relating to the Prussians. The old King, it appears, is by no means happy as an Emperor. He was only persuaded to accept this title for the sake of his son, "Our Fritz," and he goes about much like some English squire of long descent, who had been induced to allow himself to be converted into a bran new peer, over-persuaded by his ambitious progeny. WILLIAM is one of that numerous class of persons endowed with more heart than brains. Putting aside, or regarding rather as the delusion of a diseased brain, his notion that he is an instrument of Heaven, and that he is born to rule over Prussian souls by right divine, the old man is by no means a bad specimen of a good-natured, well-meaning, narrow-minded soldier, and between BISMARCK and MOLTKE, he has of late had by no means an easy time. These two worthies, instead of being—as we imagined in Paris—the bosom friends, abominate the other. During the siege, MOLTKE would not allow BISMARCK to have a seat at any council of war, and in order to return the compliment, BISMARCK has not allowed MOLTKE to take any part in the negotiations respecting the armistice, except on the points which were exclusively military. BISMARCK tells the French that had it not been for him Paris would have been utterly destroyed, while MOLTKE grumbles because it has not been destroyed, an achievement which this talented Captain somewhat singularly imagines would fittingly crown his military career. But this is not the only domestic jar which destroys the harmony of the happy German family at Versailles. In Prussia it has been the habit, from time immemorial, for the heir to the throne to coquet with the Liberals, and to be supposed to entertain progressive opinions. The Crown Prince pursues this hereditary policy of his family. He has surrounded himself with intimates of the extreme Left, and he is said to have risked much in the present state of things and of his prospects in the present case, rather than to assent to a great and powerful party, all who are not country gentlemen, chamberlains or officers, are excluded from all share in the Government. BISMARCK, on the other hand, is the representative, or rather the business man, of the squiracrchy and of the Vons; much in the same way as Mr. DISRAELI is of the Conservatives in England. As both are men of genius, they in all probability both despise their own friends and scoff at the prejudices of a pretended belief in which has served them as a stepping-stone to power. The consequence of this divergency of opinion is that BISMARCK and "our Fritz," are very heartily what schoolboys call "cross" and consequently when the old King dies, BISMARCK'S power will die with him, unless he is wise enough to withdraw beforehand from public life. "Our Fritz," I hear, has done his best to prevent the Prussian batteries from doing any serious damage to Paris, and has not concealed from his friends that he considers that the bombardment was in the words of EUGENIE worse than a crime—an error.

The Annexation of Alsace from a German Standpoint.

Herr VON WICHEDE, of the Cologne *Gazette*, while strongly impressed with the folly of annexing essentially French provinces to the German dominions, is sanguine with regard to the results of the annexation of Alsace. Describing the best mode of dealing with this province, he says: "The Protestant peasantry in Lower Alsace will bear armed with Germany most easily; the French manufacturers and factory hands in Mülhausen will be the least willing. Many a serious obstacle has still to be removed, it is true, before these untoward elements can be united in a harmonious whole. Thus few of the real agricultural population, but many hundreds of the young men among the factory people of the towns in Upper Alsace, leave home secretly to bear arms against us as France-tireurs or Mobile Guards. All severe measures are useless, and the consequence of them, if persisted carried out against them, are wholly useless, for these people have no more to lose. As, besides, most of the factories in Upper Alsace are at a complete standstill, and thousands of workmen are compelled to remain in idleness, need and want of work quite as much as poverty, fanaticism drive the people into the ranks of the guerrillas, where they can at least obtain something to eat. Precisely on account of Alsace a speedy peace and a firm organisation of existing circumstances are earnestly to be wished, in order that the unwholesome provisional state of things may cease. All relations are in the highest degree unsettled by it, and no one knows exactly how he stands. When Alsace and German Lorraine, as one once united to Germany, many well-to-do families of French nationality will certainly prepare themselves to migrate into France. Much disturbance and hindrance may arise from this at first, but, on the whole, I consider it a great advantage if, as far as possible, the Frenchmen who have but migrated thither after 1866 should forsake us and scream, seek their actual fatherland. They do not suit us at all, and will form but very stubborn members of our new German realm. Alsace and German Lorraine are districts so richly endowed by nature that the number of emigrant Frenchmen will soon be made up by the influx of Germans. Alsace is, in spite, however, of national hatred the French possessor of property must needs consider very deeply whether they will exchange the future probably very uncertain situation of affairs in France with the security and order in our German dominions. Even many of the rich proprietors of spinning and weaving establishments in Mülhausen who now bear deep a grudge, will find it advised to remain with us when matters are on a firmer footing. If these gentlemen wish to go, however, we will certainly not keep them, for their very extensive and undeniably well-managed establishments are well suited for acquisition and remunerative management by German joint stock companies. That which would have more weight and influence, however, the speedy erection of a thoroughly German university at Strasbourg. If the University of Freiburg could but be transported thither! Nothing unites a district so well with the other German countries as a good German university."

NAPOLEON III.

English Opinion of the Ex-Emperor's Proclamation.

The *Times* newspaper asserts that the first words of the dethroned Emperor's proclamation condemn it. He who wantonly brought upon France the war under which it suffers, he whose corrupt and corrupting administration struck at the roots of public virtue, debauched public life, and even ate away the strength of the army on which it relied, he whose chosen diplomatists were as blundering and inefficient as his chosen Marshals, ventures to tell France that he has been "betrayed by fortune." Nay, he takes credit for the condition in which he left the country at the time when he himself surrendered at Sedan, and attributes all the disasters that followed the nation's rash victory of violence over right in setting up the Government of Defense. While, too, thus freely censuring what is past, the captive in Cassel has no word of advice on the direction of the future. He will wait to see what time will bring forth. Other men may undertake the labors of the hour, and if they fail he will come in with early wisdom to expose their errors and to ask the people of France to put them aside and make way for his tried and approved judgment. It is the last misfortune of France that none of the present pretenders to power give any real evidence of governing power. How easy it is to imagine what they might have done, but have shrunk from doing! Still more unhappily, perhaps, for France, no one ventures to proclaim a definite policy, except those infuriated Republicans whose blind faith in the invincibility of a Republic urges them to protest against yielding an inch of territory, though much of the territory of the nation is already in the hands of the enemy. The *Daily News* considers the imprudence of the proclamation to be even more striking than its injustice. In there any Frenchman, peasant or proprietor, farmer or citizen, who can read without indignation this extraordinary manifesto, the author of which seems to forget everything that he has had to do with the war, and refers to all its miseries and blunders only to form out of them a charge against the men who stepped in to mitigate the ruin which he had brought down on the country? He cannot all acts emanating from the present rulers of the country as being illegitimate, and bases his protest on the charge that they have destroyed the last institutions which derived authority from universal suffrage. When we consider what sort of universal suffrage was brought in to condone the deeds of December—when we turn to the spectacle of France, after twenty years of degradation, making her first bewildered effort to breathe freely and express the wishes of her children, it is impossible not to regard the sublime forgetfulness of this strange manifesto with something of awe. The *Post* describes the proclamation as dignified in tone and appropriate in matter, under circumstances which render dignified and appropriate even a most difficult of attainment. There is in it no trace of wounded personal pride, no attempt to set up personal claims, no appeal to past services, not even an appeal for sympathy for the personal misfortunes which have overtaken the fallen monarch; nothing is treated in it but the present and the future of France, and he who still considers himself Emperor of France merely treats himself and his claims as incidental and subordinate to the welfare of the country. The time for its appearance is also well chosen. The Emperor will now gain a hearing which would have been denied to him any time since the capitulation of Sedan, and the important question to ask is the kind of hearing and the weight which his words are extended, and the influence it is likely to have. The French respect nothing and believe in nothing—but success. The discredit of the Empire lies solely upon the shoulders of the Emperor, and that solely for want of success in the present war. The Empire, however, is not a man, but a system, and that system is imposed like Christianity well for France, while it was tried under it. As it existed in its later years it was indeed the strangest of anomalies, an imperial democracy, but for that very reason it was not at all ill-suited to the French nature. The French are, perhaps, only capable of being ruled by one who will take them by the nape of the neck and force them into orderly conduct, but they are more or less sensible themselves of the necessity, and will abide by it if only they are allowed to have a voice in the election of the man who is to subdue them. The sovereignty of the people is still an article of faith, and NAPOLEON appeals to it now as quite equal as he did on the morrow of the 2d of December. The February revolution is in only common justice to recognise the fact that this manifesto, like every other utterance of the Emperor since his downfall, is manly, dignified and high-spirited. But we look in vain the throughout the last effusion of Imperialism for any sentence betraying an appreciation of the real state of affairs in France.

THE ROYAL MARRIAGE.

Mr. Gladstone on the Dower Resolution.

In the House of Commons on Feb. 13, Mr. GLADSTONE rose to move a resolution granting an annuity of £6,000 to her Royal Highness, which, he explained would be supplemented in Committee of Supply by the grant of a dowry of £30,000. Assuming with great regret and pain that the motion was not to be passed unanimously, Mr. GLADSTONE went on to combat the objections which might be raised to it. In marrying her daughter to a subject the Queen had not proceeded without the advice of her responsible Ministers; and she had acted in accordance with the womanly and motherly character which had always led her to choose for her daughters husbands on whose principles she could rely. The princess, too, was not a new one in our history, and it was quite agreeable to the usages and social spirit of the country. The provision was not immoderate compared with analogous grants to the daughters of GEORGE III., for instance. Replying to the suggestion that the Crown might to save out of its income for these purposes, he pointed out that, though the QUEEN'S income was large, its application was to a great extent predetermined, and that during the whole of the present reign its economical management had been an example to every household in the country. The Civil List, he argued, when settled at the commencement of the reign, had not been unduly favorable, and it was only the strict state of things that it should. He pointed out that about the Crown lands how produced an income only about equal to the Civil List, if they were managed in the same manner as a private estate they would put the Sovereign in possession of the largest income in the country. What, for instance, if Hyde Park and the other metropolitan parks were cut up into building plots? But Mr. GLADSTONE put the proposition on higher grounds (Cheers) on the political importance of supporting the dignity of the Crown in a becoming manner, on the value of a stable dynasty, and on the unwisdom of entering into too minute pecuniary calculations on such an occasion. The motion was seconded by Mr. DISRAELI, and was carried by acclamation, though Mr. P. TAYLOR appeared to be minded to speak on it a moment after Mr. DODSON had put the question, when it was too late.

Elaborate Preparations for the Nuptials.

The London *Times*, of Feb. 13, says: "Since the return of Her Majesty the Queen and the royal family to Windsor Castle, the preparations for the nuptials of Her Royal Highness Princess LOUISE and the Marquis of LORNE have received a considerable impetus. On Saturday, under the immediate superintendence of Mr. W. SMITHOOK, Her Majesty's Inspector of Palaces, the workmen in the Lord Chamberlain's department commenced the decoration of the returning-room for the royal bride-maids, which has been erected at the west end of the south aisle of the Chapel Royal of St. George. The south and west sides of this apartment are formed by the Beaufort Chapel, and the memorial erected by Queen VICTORIA to the late King LEOPOLD, and the north and east by a wooden framework covered with drapery. The interior walls will be richly and handsomely decorated with cheap fabrics, and on Saturday experiments were made for the purpose of selecting the proper colors for use in the adornment of this chamber, which, when finished, will be richly carpeted and suitably furnished for the occasion from the Castle stores. The retiring-room for the royal brides-maids is only a few paces from the west door or grand entrance of the cathedral. On the morning of the Royal marriage all persons in the procession of these ladies they will have the honor of acting as brides-maids will assemble within this elegant little extemporized boudoir to await the coming of Princess LOUISE. The Albert Memorial Chapel, it appears, is to be used as a cloak-room for the illustrious personages invited to attend the ceremony, and, who will doubtless comprise their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of WALES, their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess CHRISTIAN, of Schleswig-Holstein, Princes ARTHUR and LEOPOLD, Princess BEATRICE, the Duke of CAMBRIDGE, Prince and Princess TECK, and other members of the family of the Royal bride, who will be enabled to be present, together with the members of the Duke of ARGYLL'S family and those who may receive invitations to be present upon the auspicious occasion. Here the majority of the guests will assemble, and pass across the entrance to the cloisters into the aisle of St. George's Chapel by either up the short flight of temporary steps to the gallery erected in the south aisle, near the altar, or by the door beneath the Queen's closet, or west door, into the choir of the chapel and so take the seats allotted to them. The space in front of the communion rails between the ends of the seats of the Knights of the Garter and the rails in front of the altar will be covered with board and carpeted, thus forming a level platform for the purposes of the marriage and hiding the steps leading up to the altar. Just outside the south door as the visitor enters the cathedral is the the Bray Chapel. This is a sort of alcove, partly shut off from the nave by paneled work. Access is gained to it by an ancient door leading from the interior of the cathedral, and it is within this space that the bridegroom and groomsmen will assemble previous to the hour fixed for the Royal wedding. Thus it appears there will be three points of assembly at St. George's—that in the Albert Memorial Chapel, for the main body of guests; the bridegroom's room, in the Bray Chapel, near the south door; and the brides-maids' boudoir, within a few paces of the west door. The precise form of ceremonial which will be carried out on the 10th of March, little can at present be gathered, but from the arrangements already in progress it may be inferred that the bridegroom's procession will be formed at the Bray Chapel, and proceed through the choir to the front of the altar, and that Her Royal Highness Princess LOUISE, probably accompanied by Her Majesty, the Queen, will drive from the Grand Quadrangle of the Castle through the entrance by Horse-shoe Cloister to the south door of the west or grand entrance of the cathedral, and be met at the door by the brides-maids, proceeding up the centre of the nave, and through the choir to the front of the altar, where the nuptial knot will be tied."

NEWS NOTES.

Death of Mr. Applegath.

The death is announced of Mr. AUGUSTUS APPLEGATH, the originator of some important improvements in the art of printing. He was the inventor of the composition-ball and composition-roller, and afterward of the steam printing-press. For his invention of bank-notes that could not be forged he received from the bank authorities £18,000. He also invented a machine for printing six colors at once. The patent for the steam-press was in the joint names of COWPER and APPLEGATH. The first book printed by steam was *Walerton's Wonderoup*. Mr. APPLEGATH subsequently established great silk and print works at Crayford and Dartford.

French Gratitude.

The Paris correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* writes:

"While on the question of good taste, it may be noticed that a theatre here (for several theatres are about to reopen) announces the revival of 'Milord l'Arsouille.' Even looking at the gifts offered by London to Paris, one would think the moment ill-chosen for placing on the stage a gross caricature of a British nobleman, who ran riot here some years ago, but, when one comes to reflect that the said nobleman was a relation of Mr. RICHARD WALLACE, who must have expended £100,000 in charity since the commencement of the siege, the reproduction is too bad. It is true that the Parisians are very angry with us for presuming to offer them charity. Even when Ireland was suffering from starvation, only a few Legitimist journals insulted the humanity of the people by coming to their assistance; the French left such meddling to ill-mannered Yankees and unbelieving Turks. I have it on undoubted authority that even the 'queues de boucherie,' (the poor people and servants waiting for their ration at the butchers' doors,) are highly indignant at what is interpreted in some parts of England. People, presumed to be in their right mind, declare that the Government has paid the Lord Mayor of London."

Succor for Dr. Livingstone.

At the meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, on Feb. 12, Sir HENRY RAWLINSON, who presided, read extracts from a letter which had been received at the Foreign Office from Mr. CHURCHILL, the English political agent at Zanzibar. Mr. CHURCHILL, writing on the 18th of November last, said: "After a vast amount of delay that will appear unnecessary to those who are not acquainted with the country, I have succeeded in sending off to Dr. LIVINGSTONE a reinforcement of seven men, who have engaged to place themselves at the disposal of the doctor as porters, boatmen, &c., and a quantity of beads, ammunition, and provisions for his use, in hopes that these will reach Ujiji in the month of February; but nothing certain can be said about it. News was received about a month ago of the arrival at Unyanyembe, in June last, of men and supplies sent up in October, 1869, by Dr. KIRK. Seven of the men had died of cholera, and the remainder having consumed the provisions forwarded for them, had, with the advice of the Governor of Unyanyembe drawn upon the supplies of which they were the bearers for their subsistence. The latest accounts from the interior state that Dr. LIVINGSTONE, after visiting a place called Manine, had not returned to Ujiji." Sir HENRY RAWLINSON said he was of the opinion that if Dr. LIVINGSTONE was enabled to reach Zanzibar in February he would be in England before the end of the present session, and he hoped they would all have the opportunity of welcoming him in that hall before the end of June.

Letter from Florence Nightingale.

A late letter from a gentleman in London to a friend in this City, contains a copy of the following characteristic letter from FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, the great Crimean nurse. It was addressed to the "Chairman of the French Relief Fund."

MY LORD: May I be permitted to contribute through your hands my mite—£5 a week for four weeks—to the most appalling distress this century has seen—that of the starving population in Paris, where, on the opening of the gates, a million and a half of non-combatants, principally women and children, will have to be fed like babies.

But the charity of England will be equal, under your auspices, to the emergency. For this terrible new year what can one wish but that there may not be such another as the death of the world? Still, England's "generosity and magnificent charity," as has been truly said by a Princess very dear to us, has risen equal to the wants. I do not believe that there is one man, woman, or child above pauperism who has not given. I will not say according to their means, but far above their means, for Germans and French who can never give again to them; "and all for love, and nothing for reward."

I should like the working people of England to know that the working people of France and Germany feel this. One expression of it—it was from a German—struck me particularly. It was to the effect that the Prussian elementary education was far superior to the English, (let the London School Board show them that this shall not be the case long;) but for the "education of the heart," continued my correspondent, "give me the English working people." I felt in those words. Pardon me, my Lord, this long note, for the sake of the declaration of feeling which, I think, must cheer you, and believe me to be, my Lord, your obedient servant,

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

The writer was herself wounded, the hero Nurse she was in all their forms, she knows, probably, as well as any human being, what untold sufferings are caused by such calamities as have overtaken Paris. She is a true ministering angel, and as wise as she is brave. We hope her faith will not be incommensurable with the results, and that not only England, but America, will render aid to Paris on a scale equal to the emergency, and in accordance with the friendship existing between the former, and the feelings of liberty now between the latter country.

Miss NIGHTINGALE, as a thoroughly international benefactor, strikes the right chord, and we have no doubt the whole of civilized womankind in both countries will respond sympathetically. Paris will value the stately old dame, her according to its spontaneity, and in proportion as it is rendered without parade and display.

PERSONAL, POLITICAL, AND GENERAL.

BRET HARTE is the guest of W. D. HOWELLS in Cambridge, Mass.

The moral-suasion temperance movement has been inaugurated in Detroit.

RAPHAEL SEMMES is Mobile's City Attorney.

Senator CHANDLER has given $1,000 toward the endowment of Albion College, in Michigan.

Somebody asserts that more than half the hotels in this country are kept by natives of New-Hampshire and Vermont.

Immoderate laughter killed an Indiana man last week. It brought on hemorrhage of the lungs.

Republican papers predict that the people of West Virginia will vote against a Constitutional Convention.

A Massachusetts boy told his mother, on returning home the other day, that GEORGE WASHINGTON'S widow had been in his school begging money to help repair his tomb.

A lady, prominent in social circles, in Richmond, Ind., has been fined for assault and battery, committed upon one of her female servants.

MARLON H. DICKINSON has been elected President of the Pennsylvania Republican State Central Committee, in place of Hon. JOHN COVODE, deceased.

A Washington man has won $500 by eating a partridge every day, between 8 and 10 A. M., for a month. According to the terms of the wager he could eat anything else he liked.

A Kentucky horse, believing that all flesh is grass, bit off his owner's ear one day last week. The owner thinks it an erroneous application of the text.

Gov. FAIRCHILD, of Wisconsin, has accepted the invitation to deliver the address at the meeting of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, in Boston, in May.

Gen. M. D. LEGGETT has resigned his position as Trustee of the Ohio Reform School for Girls, and will start in a few days for Washington, to assume the duties of Commissioner of Patents.

A Kentucky town has a laughing club, which declares its belief that frequent cachinnation is essential to the preservation of health, and that association is most productive of this essential.

The Police of San Francisco learned a few days ago that the family of a deceased Judge, whose memory is highly honored by the people of that city, were in absolute want of food and the commonest necessaries of life.

ROBERT TOOMBS was one of the speakers at a firemen's celebration of WASHINGTON'S birthday in Augusta, Ga., and predicted a glorious future for the young men present, if true to principle, as, he said, they had been in the recent election.

A little girl in West Virginia, busily engaged working a pair of slippers intended for a birthday gift to her father, said to one of her playmates: "I think you are real lucky, for your paps has got only one leg, and you needn't work but one."

A recent visitor to a Texas jail, who asked a negro what brought him there, was told, "Two oh de State perlice." And when he asked further if drunkenness had got something to do with it, the negro replied, promptly, "Yes, Sah; dey was bof drunk."

The Milwaukee *Sentinel* thinks it not unreasonable to suppose that the fact of eligibility for a second term operates as a salutary restraint upon a President, inducing him to make the best use possible of his power, that his administration may commend itself to the people.

A committee of the Nevada Senate has reported in favor of procuring, for the decoration of its hall, two paintings—one representing KIT CARSON at the time of the discovery of the valley bearing his name; the other representing the scene of Major DAMERON'S battle with Indians at Pyramid Lake.

The Charleston (S. C.) *News* asserts that the hydra-headed monster of legislative corruption is once more rampant at the State capital, but the Governor seems resolute in his stand against any further plundering of the people's money or credit; and it believes that he can and will crush the selfish schemes of the plunderers.

A Virginia paper says that the buildings of Randolph Macon College, which have been purchased for $12,000 by Rev. HENRY G. MCGONIGAL, D. D., of this City, are the two large college buildings proper, a college hotel, a steward's hall, a preparatory school-house, and four excellent residences for Professors. There are several acres of land attached to the property.

A Maine paper reports a spiritual marriage, asserting that at a recent "circle" a young woman asked if the spirit of her dead lover was present, and, on being answered in the affirmative, and told, moreover, that he wished to marry her, had a Justice of the Peace called in, and the ceremony performed. The spiritual and spirited bride now claims the property of the dead man.

A juror in Cincinnati thoughtlessly asked one of the defendants in a case on trial one day last week to lend him twenty-five cents with which to buy his dinner. The counsel, a personal friend, explained that he could not do as requested, for the reason of the relations in which they stood, and at the opening of the afternoon session of the Court the juror, convinced of his grave error, asked to be permitted to withdraw from the jury. His request was granted.

It is proposed to create in Wisconsin a State Board of Education, to consist of the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and five other members, to be appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the Senate, and are to remain in office three years. The object of the measure is to harmonize the higher educational interests of the State, and to place the Normal Schools and the University on a footing of cordial friendship.

A Tennessee girl, aged fifteen years, ran away to Knoxville, last Tuesday, with a young man and married him. A few minutes later her father appeared and carried her back in triumph. The husband went to his home disconsolately, and on Friday returned to Knoxville and got out a writ of habeas corpus for the wife. The parties met in the streets, pistols were drawn, the father was wounded, and all were taken before a Justice, who suggested that the girl be permitted, without persuasion from either party, to go home with the one she preferred. She went off with her father.

Census Marshal B. C. GILLAM, of the Twenty-third Sub-district of Illinois, publicly challenges any Census Marshal in the North-western States, outside of any city, town or village, to show a greater enumeration of twin-children in one township than was enumerated in Woodstock Township, Schuyler County, Illinois in 1870. There are, he says, twenty pairs of twin-children under sixteen years of age, all living and doing well, and all Republicans except eighteen pairs of them, the principal productions of the township being Democrats, twin-babies, railroad ties and barrels.

The horses attached to a heavily-loaded stage, containing a number of school-girls on the way home for the Spring vacation, were frightened at the depot in Hartford on Friday morning, during the temporary absence of the driver, and dashed rapidly down the street. Three of the girls occupied seats on top of the vehicle, back of the driver's, and one of them, terrified as a maiden of slight frame and gracious manner, crept along over the roof to the driver's seat, descended to the box, beat down and picked up the reins, pulled sharply and strongly upon them, and stopped the frightened horses and averted what might have been a terrible accident. When the driver came up she handed him the reins, remarking that she saw that something had got to be done and she saw no one else to do it.

THE DECLINE OF OUR COMMERCE.

Some Facts Recalled—The Sales of American Shipping During the Rebellion—Profits of Sellers and Losses of Buyers—Effects of Old Defiance of the Woodenship-Ship Interest.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

About a year ago I wrote a letter from London, which you did me the honor to publish in the TIMES, in which I stated the fact, new to many of your readers, that the large sales of American shipping to Englishmen, in 1863 and 1864, had resulted in a large gain to the American vendors and in a heavy loss to the English purchasers. That view of the transaction was directly at variance with the conclusions set forth in the report of Mr. LYNCH'S Select Committee on the Decline of American Commerce, and also with the opinions of many of our citizens who were misled by that report, which attributed the decadence of American shipping and the depression in American shipbuilding "mainly, if not solely, to the depredations of the Anglo-rebel pirates." They believe that the loss of our once extensive carrying trade, and the depression in our shipbuilding industry, is due to the culpable conduct of British officials, who permitted the *Alabama* and her consorts to depart from British ports, and that we have a fair claim upon Great Britain for the millions which we have lost, by our abandonment of the ocean carrying trade. Chief among the alleged grievances, which go to support that side of the question, are the large sales of American shipping to British ship-owners made during the rebellion. Those sales, it is popularly believed, were made at low prices, and were forced upon American ship-owners by the presence of the rebel cruisers upon the seas. The appointment of a Joint Commission of eminent jurists and statesmen to adjudicate upon the *Alabama* claims and other questions at issue, has given a new interest to the discussion of subjects connected with those claims, and it has occurred to me that a restatement of the points contained in the letter referred to might be useful at this time. The large sales of American tonnage alluded to, were in reality, made at a high average scale of prices, and their effect was to relieve American ship-owners of a vast quantity of unprofitable wood, sail tonnage, which if retained would soon have become nearly valueless.

PROFITS FROM THE SALES OF AMERICAN VESSELS.

The total number of American vessels transferred to British subjects in 1863 was 346; the total tonnage 226,685 tons, which included 46 vessels, measuring 26,763 tons, that were only nominally transferred. The best data obtainable gives about 200,000 tons as the whole quantity sold to British subjects during the rebellion. The bulk of this tonnage was sold for more than its average value in gold, when gold was at a high premium in the United States, and when the profit on the exchange was so large that many old ships produced in currency more than they had cost when new. Forty American ships that were sold by one London ship-broker in 1863, gave the following results, which may be taken as an exceedingly fair average of the aggregate sales: Their ages varied from one year to fifteen years, twenty-seven being over nine years old. Estimating the original cost of the ships at $80 per ton, and deducting six per cent. per annum for depreciation upon each ship, their average value per ton was $27 33. The average price obtained was $8 126 sterling, per ton, equivalent to $38 86, gold, which turned into currency at eighty per cent. premium, gave the American vendors $69 30 currency, or a profit of $34 40 per ton, (over eighty-eight per cent.) on a fair valuation of the tonnage at its sale-was prices. The total quantity of tonnage sold in the same year being nearly 200,000 tons, it should have yielded at the same rates a profit of nearly $7,000,000 in currency. This estimate of profits may be objected to on the ground that it is computed in a depreciated currency, but it should be borne in mind that while gold rapidly advanced in 1863, the prices of labor, and of articles of home production and manufacture, did not advance in a corresponding ratio with gold. In 1863 one hundred gold dollars, would buy much more than the same amount would buy in 1860, and much more than it will buy today. Many sound dividend-paying securities could then be bought for currency, at a small advance upon their gold prices in 1860. New ships could be built with the proceeds of ships that were six or eight years old, and, in fact, many new ships were built in 1863 and 1864 with the proceeds of ships that were sold abroad—their owners receiving a new ship for an old one. Fortunately, however, for the individuals who sold their ships, and, fortunately for the

THE METHODIST PREACHERS

An Essay on "Rule"—Discussion Regarding Sectarian Appropriations.

The Methodist Preachers' Association yesterday listened to an admirable essay on "Rule," read by Rev. Mr. LANDON. He found fault with the stereotyped style of praying, preaching and exhortation in the churches, and the lack of freshness and originality in the ministry. He wanted every age to have new ideas presented as its progress demanded.

Rev. GEO. L. TAYLOR was convinced that the only way to get at this freshness and originality was by study of men and books, and constant prayer, to get the intellect and the spirit baptized afresh every day, and then they could present something new to their audiences. Wesley's success, he believed, depended upon the originality and freshness of his style, but Wesley's style and manner and dress would not be suited to the age. Rev. Mesers. Burns, Sewall, Fan and others defended Wesley's style, and the old "rut" style of preaching, and thought the departure from it by so many was a mistake and a misfortune to the Church.

Upon the close of the discussion Rev. Dr. Fenkin introduced the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, large sums of money and millions of value of real estate have been abstracted from the City Treasury, and expended by various churches and church societies, contrary to the Roman Catholic Church; and

Whereas, Applications have been made, or is about to be made, to the City Government for the appropriation of funds for certain Protestant charitable institutions; and

Whereas, All such appropriations upon Protestants are calculated, if not intended, to alienate the Protestant from and the Protestant pulpit, and to create the impression that still larger appropriations to the Roman Church; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That, on principle, we are opposed to all such appropriations of City property; and

2. That we respectfully advise our Methodist Christian brethren neither to ask nor accept any such appropriations.

Dr. Fenkin having stated that the Methodist institution to which he referred was the Old Ladies' Home, which had already applied, or would shortly apply, for a grant of land whereon to build a new Home, Rev. Mr. SHAMBERG defended their action as right and proper. Protestants and Methodists pay taxes as well as others, and in the care of the poor, which the City and State are bound to undertake, they should receive their proportion of money or funds from the authorities for this purpose. Their proportion of the City grants would not prevent their being made to the Roman Catholic Church and to others, and he favored getting a slice while they can, and as much as they can.

Rev. Dr. CRAWFORD was opposed on principle to all sectarian appropriations by the City or State. He wanted every Church to maintain its own institutions, and not multiply them faster than they can support them. He deemed it from every allusion to the Roman Church should be stricken out of this paper, that it might go forth as their protest on the general principle. It now looked as if they objected only in the direction in which the appropriations went, and not to the thing itself.

Rev. Dr. FERRIS explained that his idea was to assert the broad principle, but at the same time to point out the direction in which the public money was going. Last year, while the Methodists received a little over $9,000, the Roman Church got nearly $600,000. He was sorry that the Methodist Church had ever received a cent, and hoped it would never take another.

To stay the discussion, which was taking a wide range, and the hour growing late, Rev. W. C. SMITH moved for the appointment of a committee of three to consider and report upon the matter at their next meeting. This motion was seconded. Various amendments were also made and have found favor, when, finally, Rev. Mr. BROWN moved the following as a substitute for the whole:

Whereas, The practice of granting public money and public lands to sectarian churches and institutions has grown up in this City and State; and

Whereas, such grants tend to prejudice and are a perversion of public property from its constitutional uses; therefore,

Resolved, That we enter our protest against any further grants of public property to sectarian uses.

To this was added also Dr. FERRIS' second resolution. The whole matter was then, on motion again of Mr. SMITH, referred to a committee of three, the meeting had thinned out greatly. The Committee is composed of Drs. FERRIS, CRAWFORD, SMITH, CARTMELL and BROWN.

A paper expressing sympathy with Rev. John FARRER, and regret for his serious illness, was then adopted, and Rev. Messrs. STEELE and WILLIAMS were appointed a committee to visit Mr. FARRER. Rev. Mr. McALLISTER remarked that while Mr. FARRER was very sick there are very strong hopes of his speedy recovery. The meeting then adjourned.

THOMAS, THE MURDERER.

The Supreme Court General Term Denies the Motion for a New Trial.

In the General Term of the Supreme Court yesterday, a decision was rendered, on the motion for a new trial in the case of JOHN THOMAS, convicted of the murder of WALTER JOHNSON, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer. The decision refuses a new trial, and confirms the judgment of the Court below. The following is the opinion of Judge INGRAHAM, rendered in the case:

The indictment in this case was for murder in the first degree. The offence was set out in the usual form, and in the concluding paragraph of the indictment, in averring that the prisoner made an assault upon the deceased, the word "wilful" should have been "aforethought" was printed "aforesaid," so as to read, "Of his malice aforesaid, and make an assault, &c." In the rest of the indictment the allegations of firing the pistol, of wounding and of committing the homicide, were properly charged to have been done with malice aforethought. This error is now urged by the counsel for the prisoner, as a ground for the removal of the judgment. It is proper to remark that in the return from the Court below, the word is properly spelled in the indictment, while in the case it is printed as above described. It is evidently a defect in the typography of the letter, &c., being either broken off, or for some other cause deficient. From whatever cause it may have originated, the error is immaterial. If the word had been omitted altogether, the effect would be that the prisoner wilfully, deliberately, and of his malice did make an assault, &c., it would have been sufficient, as the malice aforethought is sufficiently charged in the subsequent parts of the indictment to make out the offence of murder in the first degree; whereas that word as applied to the first assault. The case relied upon, The People vs. ENOCHS, 19 Wendell, 159-172, is no authority to sustain this objection. It was said in that case that the terms "murder of his malice aforethought," was absolutely necessary to describe the offence. This term is used in the present indictment, and as I have before remarked, the crime of murder is fully set out therein without the word of which has been misprinted. In selecting the grand jury, one juror was challenged on behalf of the People. He was asked, "Have you any such conscientious scruples against finding a verdict of guilty in a case where the punishment is death and the evidence would justify such verdict?" to which he replied, "I have." On cross-examination, in reply to a question, "If the evidence justified you in finding a verdict of murder, would you feel it your duty under the law to so find?" he said; "I would do my duty, but it would go against my feelings." And on further examination he said he did not think he was fit as a juror, and was opposed to capital punishment. The juror was rejected. It is evident from the whole examination that the juror was opposed to capital punishment, and that such views exercised a sufficient influence to cause a bias in the mind of the juror against the law inflicting death. Had the objection been that the juror was prejudiced against the prisoner, but that he could, in the performance of his duty and against the prisoner, if the evidence warrants it, such a statement would not be enough to destroy the bias in the juror's mind against the prisoner, and he would not be excluded for such a reason. What the juror meant by doing his duty does not appear, but conceding that he intended to say he would find a verdict of guilty if the evidence warranted it, still it is apparent that in coming to a conclusion on such evidence he would be influenced by the feeling in his mind against capital punishment, and would require stronger evidence to warrant such a conviction than would be required by ordinary jurors. The rule proven in the R. S., 3d vol., p. 1,057, sec. 12, does not relate to this objection, but is intended to relieve persons from serving on a jury who, from religious scruples, are precluded from finding persons guilty for such a crime. The case of The People vs. DAMON, 13 Wend., 351, extended this provision to jurors who had conscientious objection to finding a verdict of guilty where the punishment is death. In O'BRIEN vs. The People, 3 Abb. N. S., p. 329, a juror was challenged for principal cause, "because he had conscientious scruples of this kind, and was set aside by the Court. It appeared in that case that he was not opposed to capital punishment, but that his scruples consisted in tender feelings toward the prisoner, a fear that he should do him wrong. The Court says, "The fact still remained that he had conscientious scruples," &c. The ground for his scruples, or his reason for them, were of no importance. That they existed was sufficient to excuse him from the panel. A similar answer to that given by the juror in this case was given by a juror in WALSH vs. The People, 31 N. Y., 167-161. Chief Justice WRIGHT, J., says: "It is true the juror answered when pressed, as any conscientious man would have done, that if forced to serve and sworn his conduct a verdict according to the evidence, he would do so; but he also added that he should not feel willing to be sworn. This answer did not remove the objection to him. This case is conclusive as to the objection to the juror. The third ground on which the prisoner's counsel appeals is, that the Judge refused to charge the jury that if they should find from the evidence that the homicide was done not from a premeditated design to effect the death of the deceased, nor in a heat of passion, not under such circumstances as would make it justifiable homicide, then the jury will find the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree." In FITZGERALD vs. The People, 37 New-York, 413, the construction of the statute was settled by the Court of Appeals. It was there held that murder in the second degree was the killing when perpetrated without any design to effect death by a person engaged in the commission of a felony, other than that of arson in the first degree. In this definition of murder in the second degree, all the ingredients of murder have been repeatedly held that by the term "felony" used in this section, is meant some other criminal act than the homicide to constitute the crime of murder in the second degree. I think there was no error in refusing to instruct the jury as requested.

The remaining point made on behalf of the prisoner is that the verdict is not warranted by the evidence. It would be a sufficient answer to say, that in a case tried in the Oyer and Terminer no such objection can be presented on appeal. Our power to interfere with the judgment appealed from is limited to errors of law occurring in the Courts below. In this respect a difference exists on an appeal from the judgment if rendered in the Court of General Sessions. In such appeals the statute requires the Appellate Court to review the evidence and to grant a new trial if the verdict is against the weight of evidence, or if justice requires that a new trial should be granted. We will add, however, that if we had the power to review the finding of the jury upon the facts, the evidence is sufficient to sustain such finding. The evidence shows that before the parties met the prisoner was armed, and was inquiring for the deceased; that he uttered threats against him; that when they met the prisoner used threatening language to the deceased; that the deceased had his knife in his hand following him the previous night with a knife, and asked what he meant to do; that the prisoner drew the pistol and then disappeared. If this evidence is true, there was sufficient to warrant the jury in finding the intent to kill and that the homicide was neither excusable or justifiable. The case of Parrell, referred to by the Counsel, decided at this term, was distinguished from the present case by the fact that the parties met unexpectedly, without any previous knowledge of the meeting, and that the whole affray was sudden and unpremeditated; and rendered it difficult to find any sufficient evidence from which a premeditated homicide could be found to have been perpetrated. We find nothing in the present case to justify a reversal of the judgment, and the judgment is therefore affirmed.

THE BAUMAN HOMICIDE.

Action of the Coroner—An Open Verdict Rendered.

Coroner YOUNG held an investigation yesterday in the case of GEORGE BAUMAN, the young man who died a few days ago at Bellevue Hospital from the effects of a wound on the knee, inflicted on the 14th of January by THOMAS MCGRATH, while they were quarreling in the saloon, No. 417 West Thirty-sixth-street. Several witnesses were examined, who testified in substance that on the night in question a party of young men had assembled in the saloon kept by PETER MCNULTY, where they indulged in dice-throwing and games of cards, accompanied by considerable dissipation. Both MCGRATH and the deceased were intoxicated when they began quarreling. No serious disturbance took place, however, at first, but were there any blows struck, McGRATH left, went up to the Kindling-wood block in the corner and picked up the hatchet. The deceased happened to be sitting very close to the block at the time, and MCGRATH began to strike the block with the hatchet. As he struck the fourth time the deceased moved his knee and received a blow upon it from the hatchet. McGRATH was sobered in a moment by the occurrence, and expressed the greatest concern and sorrow for his conduct. All of the witnesses narrated the same facts, and the jury rendered a verdict that BAUMAN came to his death at the hands of the prisoner, but expressed themselves unable to decide whether the blow was dealt intentionally or not.

The Coroner, under these circumstances, decided to hold the accused in bail in the sum of $1,000, to answer any indictment that may be found against him by the Grand Jury. McGRATH seemed to misunderstand the consideration of the Coroner, for he expressed himself dissatisfied because a witness was not called who he claimed would testify that he was sober. As soon as the bail bonds were made out the prisoner departed with his friends.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendars This Day.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Ingraham, P. J., Barnard and Cardozo, JJ.
Adjourned until Thursday.

OYER AND TERMINER AND SUPREME COURT—CIRCUITS.

Part I.—Held by Sutherland, J.

Case on.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Ingraham, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
27—	Boyle vs. Mallick.	221—	Crotsi vs. Crotsi.
148—	McMullin vs. Estes.	222—	Hoffman vs. Estes.
195—	Dickel vs. Newton.	223—	Baxter vs. Delafield.
196—	Pool vs. O'Lockin.	224—	Courtney vs. Budden-sick.
211—	Romer vs. Wepds.		
212—	Same vs. Same.	225—	Kilbreath vs. Mulldoon.
213—	Harsell vs. Blackwell.	226—	Sinclair vs. Sinclair.
214—	Butler vs. Murray.	227—	Same vs. Same.
215—	Bowman vs. Bell.	228—	Terry vs. Phillips.
217—	Cogot vs. Lozier.	229—	Hoffman vs. Hammel-bacher.
217½—	Bartholomew vs. Quinn.	230—	Barr vs. N. Y. and Orange Manufacturing and Mining Company.
218—	Tallman vs. Winegardner.		
219—	Hendricks vs. Hart.		
220—	Wallmers vs. Bettermann.		

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Calendar called at 12 M.

Nos.		Nos.	
22—	Kane vs. Ford.	122—	Reeds vs. Zeltmachter.
58—	Howe vs. Howe.		

COMMON PLEAS.

Part II.—Held by Daly, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
42—	Reinheimer vs. C. P. N. & E. R. R. Co.	78—	Carpenter vs. Barrett.
338—	Wright vs. Van Ness.	79—	Newdecker vs. Newdecker.
54—	De Ruberoun vs. Ben-gue.	787—	Holt vs. Hunt.
236—	Mall vs. H. R. R. Co.	788—	Cooper vs. Albright.
72—	Rodh vs. Alkans.	789—	Wanson vs. Westheimer.
77—	Kesteman vs. Morse.	791—	Stevens vs. N. H. Steam-boat Co.
77½—	Same vs. Same.	792—	Connor vs. Garrett.
781—	Springer vs. Goldschmidt.	793—	Gothout vs. Watts.

MARINE COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Alker, Joachimsen and Tracy, JJ.
Resuming causes in General Term Calendar.

Part III.—Held by Gross, J.—Calendar called at 11 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1073—	Brown vs. Dam-man.	1082—	The N. Y. & Troy R. R. Co. vs. Larsin.
1618—	The Nat. Wood M. Co. vs. Held.	1087—	Greenbaum vs. Hirschfeld.
1783—	Moody vs. Brown.	1617—	McCormick vs. Brown.
1651—	Fowler vs. White.		
1832—	Dane vs. Knight.		
1634—	Estes vs. Hansels.		

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Hackett, Recorder.

Nos.		Nos.	
1—	The People vs. Tunis Tromper; embezzlement.	8—	The People vs. William Steward; grand larceny.
2—	The People vs. James Reamer; burglary.	9—	The People vs. William Ross; grand larceny.
3—	The People vs. James Cutler; burglary.	10—	The People vs. George Spencer; grand larceny.
4—	The People vs. The Same; felonious assault and battery.	11—	The People vs. John Ryan; grand larceny.
5—	The People vs. James Rollins; felonious assault and battery.	12—	The People vs. Silas Finley; grand larceny.
6—	The People vs. Caleb Gaines; grand larceny.	13—	The People vs. Henry Bonnet; grand larceny.
7—	The People vs. John Reilly; grand larceny.		

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—FEB. 27.

By Judges Ingraham, Barnard and Cardozo.

Alexander C. Lawrence vs. James E. Maxwell; verdict set aside and new trial ordered.

Ferdinand C. Burns et al. vs. William B. Isham and Simeon M. Gallup; judgment affirmed.

John Thomas vs. The People, &c.; judgment affirmed.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 27.

By Judge Barnard.

Gaige vs. Gaige; order granted.

Lowell et al. vs. Smith et al.; motion granted.

Sampson et al. vs. Rousse et al.; judgment ordered.

By Judge Van Brunt.

Anna Mary Zimmerman vs. John T. Schoonfield; motion denied.

By Judge Cardozo.

Kellogg vs. Kellogg; memorandum for counsel.

Charles H. Marshall vs. James M. McGregor; motion denied and injunction vacated with costs.

Thaddeus J. Whitlock vs. Clinton Bolton; exceptions overruled and the report confirmed.

Heineman vs. Heard; order granted.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 27.

By Judge Freedman.

Euphemia McAllister vs. Isaac Anson McAllister; report confirmed, and judgment of divorce granted.

August A. Ritter vs. Margaret Kreiter; Same vs. Samuel Phillips et al.; see opinion with Clerk.

Jane Stewart vs. Henry M. Field; see opinion with Clerk.

Gabrielle Saltzer vs. Sarah Findell; see opinion with Clerk.

Henry P. Husted vs. Robert C. Rathbun; it having been conceded on the argument that the judgment debtor had perfected an appeal in bankruptcy from the order refusing him a discharge before the institution of the present proceedings in this Court, the order heretofore made requiring him to submit to an examination must be discharged, and the proceedings dismissed.

The Maryland Coal Company vs. Rufus W. Leavitt et al.; order granted.

Alexander McC. Stetson vs. Norman Wisrd; order granted.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 27.

By Judge Larremore.

Carey vs. Carey; case settled.

By Judge Robinson.

Hade vs. Armstrong; motion granted.

Brown vs. Kelly; motion granted.

McDonough vs. McDonough; order granted.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—IN BANKRUPTCY—FEB. 27.

THE ALLEGED BANKRUPT BOSTON, HARTFORD AND ERIE RAILWAY—A STAY OF PROCEEDINGS DENIED.

In the matter of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company.—BLATCHFORD, J.—The petition on the part of both Adams, claiming to be a creditor of the above-named debtors, that he may be allowed to defend in this Court against petitions filed in this Court by James Alden and the Adams Express Company, who also claim to be creditors of said debtors, to have such debtor adjudged bankrupt, is denied. If the debtors have any defense against such petition, it is for them to make it out against the petitioning creditors. Mr. Adams can have no concern in the matter, particularly before adjudication. The motion that the proceedings on the said two petitions for adjudication in this Court, and all proceedings in bankruptcy in this Court in the matter of said debtors, may be perpetually stayed, or that said petitions and proceedings may be dismissed, is also denied, without considering any of the merits discussed on the motion, on the ground that at this stage of the proceedings such a motion cannot be made by Mr. Adams. The questions at issue now on the petitions for adjudication in this Court and the denial of bankruptcy by the debtors, are questions solely between such petitioning creditors and the debtors, with which no outside party, assuming merely the relation of a person who claims to be a creditor of the debtor, can be permitted to interfere. No question of jurisdiction is involved. This Court has full jurisdiction of the petitions for adjudication, notwithstanding anything alleged in these motions. If the debtors shall be adjudged bankrupt by any other Court before they are adjudged bankrupt by this Court, a different state of things and different questions will arise.

Joseph H. Choate for the motions; C. A. Seward and W. E. Curtis opposed.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART III.—FEB. 27.

Before Judge Gross.

THE FROZEN SEAMEN—SUIT AGAINST CAPT. PEABODY FOR ASSAULT.

Charles Johnson vs. *Capt. Peabody.*—The plaintiff is one of the seamen who recently arrived in this port on board the *Neptune*, and who made a complaint against the defendant, in the United States Court, charging him with cruel treatment during the voyage. Johnson now claims that about three weeks before landing, after his hands had become badly frozen by turning the sails in cold weather, and when he was not in a condition to do duty, the Captain pushed him and kicked him because he was unable to do his duty. The evidence was almost throughout identical with that given before the United States Commissioner, and already published in full in the Times. The amount sued for is $5,000. After examining the plaintiff and several other witnesses in his behalf, the further hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Feb. 27.

FIRST BOARD.

$14,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C.	114⅝	200 Adams Express	68
10,000 U. S. 5-20, C., '65	112⅝	do	68⅛
10,000 do do	112⅝	do b. c.	68⅛
50,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '65, new	111⅛	100 do	68
250,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	112⅛	100 do	68⅛
50,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, new	111⅛	100 do	68⅛
50,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	111⅛	100 West. Pacific R.R.	2
100,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68	112⅛	100 Am. M. U. Ex.	65⅛
100,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68, new	111⅛	412 U. S. Express	50
50,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	111⅛	100 do b. c.	51⅛
50,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	111⅛	100 do b. c.	51⅛
100,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	111⅛	100 do	51⅛
100,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	111⅛	300 N. Y. C. & H. R.	96⅛
10,000 U. S. 6s, Cur.	113⅛	100 do b. c.	96⅛
20,000 U. S. 6s, old	113⅛	200 do b. c.	96⅛
10,000 Tenn. 6s, old	64⅛	100 N. Y. C. & H. R.	96⅛
6,000 do	64⅛	100 do b. c.	96⅛
2,000 Tenn. 6s, new	64⅛	50,000 Gold	101⅛
10,000 Va. 6s, old	61⅛	20,000 do b. c.	101⅛
6,000 do	61⅛	20,000 do b. c.	101⅛
5,000 Va. 6s, new	61	20,000 do b. c.	101⅛
5,000 do	61⅛	100 do	101⅛
25,000 Va. 6s, R.	61⅛	200 Harlem	127⅛
1,000 Ga. 6s, '86	74⅛	200 do	127⅛
2,000 Ga. 6s, '86	74⅛	200 Reading	49⅛
3,000 S. C. 6s, new	64⅛	100 Pac. Central	118⅛
1,000 do	64⅛	100 L. S. & M. S.	94⅛
10,000 do	64⅛	1,000 do	94⅛
20,000 do	64⅛	200 do b. c.	94⅛
20,000 Mo. 6s	81⅛	100 Panama	72
5,000 N. C. 6s, J. & J.	40⅛	1,000 Union Pacific	24⅛
3,000 Ala. 5s, new	64⅛	200 do b. c.	24⅛
1,000 Brooklyn 6s, W. L.	94	400 Cleve. & Pitts.	109⅛
2,000 N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	100⅛	200 do	109⅛
1,000 B., N. Y. & E. 7s	88	200 do	109⅛
5,000 Cam. & Amb. 7s	97⅛	200 do b. c.	109⅛
10,000 Union Pac. 1st	93⅛	200 do	109⅛
40,000 do	94	200 do	109⅛
1,000 do	94⅛	8 C., C. C. & Ind.	84⅛
1,000 Union Pac. L. G.	74⅛	200 do	84
2,000 do	74⅛	200 do	84⅛
5,000 U. P. 1st, Int.	74⅛	100 N. J. Central	107⅛
1,000 C. & N. W. 1st	94	10 do	107
500 Tol. & Wab. 2d	67	50 do b. c.	107⅛
18,000 Cent. Pac. G.	81⅛	100 Chi. & R. I.	109⅛
1,000 C. & R. I. & P. 7s	92⅛	200 do	109⅛
1,000 N. J. Cen. M. R.	100⅛	200 do	109⅛
13,000 Cle. & Pitts Con.	87⅛	2,400 Chi. & Mil.	90⅛
10,000 do	87⅛	67 Mil. & St. Paul	68⅛
5,000 P., F. W. & C. 1st	71⅛	200 do b. c.	68⅛
15,000 Pacific Mail 1st	92	200 Mil. & St. P. Pref.	76⅛
2,000 St. L. & I. M. 1st	89⅛	20 do	76⅛
1,000 M. & St. P. 2s, 1st	101⅛	200 Tol., Wa. & West.	54⅛
1,000 Ill. Central Scrip	80⅛	100 do b. c.	54⅛
20,000 C., C. & I. C. 1st	85	5 P., Ft. W. & C. G.	92
2,000 Tol., P. & W. 2d	70	100 do b. c.	92⅛
10,000 North Mo. 1st	82⅛	200 Del., Lack. & West.	105⅛
15 Fourth Nat. Bank	108⅛	100 do	105⅛
22 Continental Bank	28	100 do	105⅛
15 Phenix Nat. Bank	105⅛	100 do b. o.	105⅛
1,000 West. U. Tel.	99⅛	200 Alton & T. H.	29⅛
100 do	99⅛	200 Chi. & Alton	112⅛
100 do	99⅛	100 do	112⅛
100 do	99⅛	2,400 Ohio & Miss.	32⅛
100 do	99⅛	200 do	32⅛
100 do	99⅛	200 do b. c.	32⅛
200 American Coal	30	200 do b. o.	32⅛
400 Quicksilver	34	4,000 do	32⅛
1,100 Mariposa Pref.	10⅛	150 C., B. & Q.	92
50 do	10	300 Morris & Essex	86⅛
100 do b. c.	10⅛	64 do	86⅛
200 Pac. Mail	92⅛	100 Han. & St. Joseph	28⅛
200 do	92⅛	100 D. & Sioux Cy.	20
200 do b. c.	92⅛	100 C., C. & I Central	18
100 do	92⅛	100 do b. o.	18
100 Brunswick City L.	3	100 do	17⅛
200 Canton Co., B. C.	74⅛	70 Alb. & Susq.	117⅛
100 do	75	167 N. Y. & N. H.	140
200 Erie	22⅛	100 Ohio & Miss. Pf.	72
100 do	22⅛		

SECOND BOARD.

$20,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C.	114⅛	250 United States Ex.	82
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	112⅛	250 do	82
bs	112⅛	250 do	82
1,000 do	112⅛	100 do b. c.	84
20,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	111⅛	1500 N. Y. C. & H. R.	96⅛
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	111⅛	100 do	97
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68	111⅛	200 do b. c.	96⅛
4,000 U. S. 6s, Cur.	113⅛	200 do b. c.	96⅛
12,000 Tenn. 6s, old	64⅛	50000 N. Y. C. & H. C'ds	101⅛
10,000 do	64⅛	20000 do	101⅛
25,000 Tenn. 6s, new	64⅛	20000 do b. c.	101⅛
10,000 Va. 6s, R. old	61	100 do b. c.	101⅛
5,000 S. C. 6s, new	64⅛	25 Reading Railroad	49
bs	64⅛	1100 L. S. & M. So.	94⅛
1,000 do	64⅛	100 do b. c.	94⅛
1,000 Ala. 5s, new	64⅛	100 do b. c.	94⅛
1,000 Ala. 5s, P. Act	57⅛	100 Union Pacific	24⅛
5,000 C. & R. I. & P.	92	200 do	24⅛
Pac. R. R. 7s	94⅛	200 do	24⅛
5,000 U. P. R. 1st, Int.	74⅛	100 Panama Railroad	72⅛
5,000 U. P. 7s L. G. B.	74⅛	200 Illinois Central	118⅛
1,000 U. P. 7s, Int.	74⅛	200 Clev. & Pitts	109⅛
1,000 C. & N. W. L. G.	94⅛	200 Chi. & N. West	77⅛
1,000 do 7s, Int.	94⅛	200 Chi. & N. W. Pref.	86⅛
20,000 Cleve. & P. Con.	87⅛	400 do	86⅛
6,000 Mil. & St. Paul con.	90	100 do b. c.	86⅛
bs, 1st	102⅛	100 do	86⅛
25 Bank Commerce	115⅛	100 C., C. C. & Ind.	84⅛
600 Cotton Exchange	75	100 do	84⅛
100 Quicksilver Pf.	18	300 Mil. & St. Paul	68⅛
100 do	17⅛	28 do b. c.	68⅛
100 Mariposa Pref.	10⅛	200 Tol., Wa. & West.	54⅛
100 do	10⅛	100 do b. c.	54⅛
100 Canton Co.	75	400 Del., Lack. & West.	105⅛
100 Pacific Mail Co.	92⅛	200 do	105⅛
200 do b. c.	91⅛	200 do	105⅛
200 do	92⅛	100 do b. c.	105⅛
200 do	92⅛	200 Alton & T. Haute	29⅛
200 do	92⅛	100 Ohio & Miss.	32⅛
200 do	92	100 do b. c.	32⅛
400 do	92⅛	1200 do	32
400 West. U. Tel. b. c.	99⅛	100 Morris & Essex	86⅛
100 Adams Express	68⅛	100 Col., C. & Ind. C.	18
100 do b. c.	70	38 Han. & St. Jos. Pf.	97⅛
200 do	68⅛		

MONDAY, Feb. 27—P. M.

Business in the Railway and Miscellaneous Share line shows increased life and buoyancy, with very free transactions on the general list, both at the Stock Exchange and in the Long Room. The uninterrupted ease in Money, the partial confirmation of the peace reports, and the formal announcement early in the day of the Treasury policy for March, enlarging the sales of Gold and the purchases of Bonds, the former to seven millions and the latter to ten millions, for the month, served to strengthen confidence in financial circles, and to stimulate operations for a rise in values. The Railway dealings were unusually extensive, with New-York Central and Hudson, Lake Shore, Rock Island, North-west, Union Pacific, and Ohio and Mississippi stocks as the main features of the movement, which indicated an upward tendency to the close, though some fluctuations occurred on the more active of the Street favorites, under sales to realize the profits accruing from the recent sharp advance. In Ohio and Mississippi shares the trade was especially brisk, carrying the price up to 29½ at the close, as against 27½ on Saturday. Of the Miscellaneous list, Western Union Telegraph was in chief request, selling in large amounts up to 53, though leaving off at 52½, or five-eighths ⅌ cent. higher than the final quotation of last week. Pacific Mail was fairly active, but showed exceptional weakness under liberal offerings, closing at 44½, against 45¾ Saturday evening. The Express shares were in improved demand, with the United States and Adams as the favorites. On the latest transactions, a strong and buoyant tempo was apparent in the general market.

In the Public Funds, of all issues, there was a decidedly brisk movement, with a fractional advance in prices on the earlier dealings, due, in part, to the prompt announcement this morning, at the Government office, of the more liberal and satisfactory March programme of the Department, relative to the purchases of Bonds, as well as to the sales of Gold, on Treasury account, through the coming month. Under this ruling the office will receive tenders of at least two millions of Bonds on each of the five Wednesdays of the month, beginning with Wednesday, March 1, and ending with Wednesday, March 29, making an aggregate of at least ten millions, the Department reserving to itself the usual privileges. Through the afternoon, with lower figures for Gold as the consequence, in part, of the increased sales of Government coin provided for by the Treasury policy for March, Fund values were shaded slightly, but the inquiry from investment buyers readily took the current offerings at the quotations, the market leaving off firmly. In the State Bond list a more general interest was manifested by purchasers, and prices showed a stiffening tendency in most instances. Of the Railway Mortgages, the most active of the old Loans were the Central Pacific Sixes, which closed firmly at 93½@95, with further dealings noted for shipment, on foreign account, and the Union Pacific Sixes, which advanced to 84½@85, with the Land Grant bonds of the same company to 74½@75, and the Incomes to 78½@79, under favorable Washington reports of the probable legislative determination of the pending issues, as between the Treasury and the Road. Of the new Loans the liveliest was that of the Chesapeake and Ohio Company, in which there was a sharp revival of interest, with a free inquiry, at the established price, on investment account. More than a third of the determined amount of the Loan was marketed on the first formal offering of the Bonds, early in 1870. Both interest and principal are made payable in Gold coin.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—FEB. 27.

	Saturday.	Monday.
United States 10-40s	111⅝	111⅝
United States 5-20s of 1862	113⅝	113⅝
United States 5-20s of 1867	111	111
American Gold	111⅛	111
Bills on London 60 days	109⅝	109⅝
New Bonds of Tennessee	64⅛	64⅛
New-York Central and Hudson	96⅞	96⅞
N. Y. C. & H. Debt Certificates	91⅞	93
Reading Railroad	99⅞	99⅞
Chicago and Rock Island	109	109⅛
North-west Common	77⅞	77⅞
North-west Preferred	87⅞	88⅞
Pacific Mail	45⅞	44⅞
St. Paul Preferred	75	75
St. Paul Common	58⅞	58⅞
Lake Shore	96⅞	96⅞
Ohio and Mississippi	27⅞	29⅞
Toledo and Wabash	54⅛	54⅞
Western Telegraph	51⅞	52⅞
Erie	22	22⅞
St. Joseph Common	38⅞	38⅞
Union Pacific	24⅞	25⅞

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

6 ⅌ cent. reg., '81	114⅛	5-20 coup., n. 1, '65	111⅛
6 ⅌ cent. coup., '81	114⅛	5-20 coup., '67	111⅛
6 ⅌ cent. reg., '67	113⅛	5-20 coup., '68	111⅛
5-20 coup., '65	112⅛	10-40 coup.	109⅞
5-20 coup., '66	112⅛	10-40 coup.	111⅞
5-20 coup., '67	112⅛	6s currency	113⅛

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Tennessee 6s, old	64⅛	Alabama 5s, Funded	57
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Virginia 6s, old	60⅞	Ohio 6s, '86	74⅛
Virginia 6s, new bds	61⅞	Kentucky 6s	98
Virginia 6s, reg., old	61⅞	Illinois Canal bds, '70	110
Georgia 6s	74⅛	Illinois coupon 6s, '77	100
Georgia 7s, new bds	80	Illinois coupon 6s, '87	100
Georgia 7s, gold bds	84	Illinois War Loan	100
N. C. 6s, old	40⅞	Indiana 6s, War Loan	100
N. C. 6s, new	30⅞	Indiana 5s	100
N. C. 6s, F. Act, '81	30

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

The Emperor WILHELM has telegraphed to the Empress the signing of the preliminaries of peace. The news created much excitement in Berlin. The streets yesterday were crowded, houses decorated with flags, and thousands of the people gathered in front of the Palace. A general illumination was made last night. The entry of the army into the city is postponed six weeks, the interval to be observed throughout Germany as a period of mourning for the victims of the war. The terms of peace were stated in the British House of Commons last night, and Mr. GLADSTONE, in answering the inquiry what the Government had done to mitigate their severity, said the German Ambassador had notified Earl GRANVILLE and himself of the signing of preliminaries, and added that the Ambassador in France had been instructed not to accompany the Germans on their entry into Paris; but he declined further response to the question. It is now understood that 30,000 German troops will enter Paris and march as far as the Place de la Concorde. Apprehension is felt that the National Guard and the regulars, who are dissatisfied themselves, will be unable to restrain the people. The *Journal des Débats* says MM. THIERS and FAVRE were several times on the point of breaking off negotiations, on account of the cruel demands of Count BISMARCK, and yielded only to dire necessity. BISMARCK at first asked double the amount afterward agreed on. The Presidents of various railroad companies have been summoned to Versailles to make arrangements for carrying the German Army back to Germany.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

The difficulty between Spain and Egypt originated in the complaint of a deposed attached to the Spanish Consulate in Cairo that he had been maltreated by the Police. The Egyptian Government proposed an investigation, but Spain refused, demanding immediate satisfaction. The other Consuls approve the course of the Egyptian Government....Prince CHARLES of Roumania, is now said to be determined to abdicate....The foreign relations were under discussion in the British House of Commons last night, and an earnest debate arose on the Scottish National Education bill.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a resolution was adopted for compensating the Senators from Georgia and the contestants for their seats for the time they have been waiting. The bill for the construction of the Cincinnati and Southern Railroad was favorably reported. On the expiration of the morning hour, Mr. BLAIR attempted to make a personal explanation with regard to the evidence on Southern outrages, but after going on at some length was ruled out of order. Mr. CRAGIN, of New-Hampshire, after making an explanation regarding the bill regulating rank in the Navy, gave notice that he should move it as an amendment to the Naval Appropriation bill. The Post-office Appropriation bill was then taken up, and the amendment for an increase of the subsidy to the China and Japan Steam-ship line was tabled by a vote of 33 to 19. An amendment to compel the raising of the Cincinnati bridge to 100 feet were also tabled. An amendment refusing an additional charge for transporting stamped envelopes was rejected. The subject was continued at the evening session, when the subsidy amendment was again brought up and again laid on the table. The Cincinnati bridge was also taken up again and the amendment passed, modified so as to require no draw to the bridge if the span was 100 feet above low-water mark.

In the House a petition was presented asking for a better government in South Carolina, or a separation of the races. A bill was introduced to secure the medical profession equal rights in the Government service. The Sundry Civil Service Appropriation bill was considered at some length, and many items passed upon separately. The bill was finally laid on the table. Among the items adopted was one appropriating $1,394,897 for work on the New-York Post-office. The Conference Committee on the question of the right of the Senate to originate the income tax repeal, reported that no agreement was reached, and recommended that the claims of the House be adhered to.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Both branches of the Legislature reassembled last evening. In the Senate Mr. GERRY introduced a bill appointing the Mayor, the Commissioner of Public Works, the President of the Departments of Public Works and of Docks, together with WILLIAM E. DODGE, MOSES TAYLOR, MARSHALL O. ROBERTS, PETER COOPER, and their successors in office, a Board of Commissioners of Transportation, to lay out, construct and operate a steam railroad from the Battery to Harlem River, and the west side of Harlem River. A large number of other bills were introduced. One by Mr. TWEED, increasing the number of notaries public in this City 100, was taken up and immediately passed.

In the Assembly a resolution was introduced and referred to a committee requesting our representatives in Congress to use efforts to cause the removal of all duties on coal. More petitions of stockholders of the Erie Railroad, for the repeal of the Directors' bill, were received. A large number of bills were introduced, among them one providing for a Bureau of Elections in Brooklyn, and one incorporating the City of Rondout. The statement of the receipts of the Central and Hudson River Railroad Company for transportation of freight and passengers during 1870, was submitted. The document will be found in our regular report of the proceedings.

GENERAL.

The suspension of HENRY DURHAM, of Abington, Mass., has thrown 200 shoemakers out of employment.

The Lehigh region coal miners held a meeting at Hazleton, Penn., on Saturday, and resolved not to accept the terms "dictated by a few operators, railroad companies and others," as the terms of 1869 were the only ones they could live by. Motions were adopted that no colliery go to work without submitting the terms to a region meeting, and that all coal taken out during the suspension be paid for on the basis and sliding scale of 1870, at the price for which coal sells at the resumption of work.

The Wheeling Savings Institution, Wheeling, West Va., went into liquidation yesterday. The liabilities are set at $110,000. A. C. QUARRIER, the defaulting cashier, is in jail.

The Maine Legislature adjourned yesterday *sine die*. The business includes the passage of 265 acts and 60 resolves. The session extended through forty-seven working days.

Sir JOHN A. MCDONALD, accompanied by his wife; Col. BERNARD, Deputy Minister of Justice; Mr. WHITCHER, of the Fisheries Department, and Mr. DRINKWATER, Sir JOHN'S Private Secretary, left Ottawa, Ontario, for Washington, yesterday morning.

A Wilmington, N. C., dispatch says HENDERSON OXENDINE, one of the negro outlaws for whose arrest large rewards have been offered, was captured by a party of citizens of Robeson County, and lodged in jail on Saturday night.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says a defalcation is announced in Camden, N. J. HENRY SAMUELS, paying teller of the First National Bank, is charged with using $11,000 of the bank's money in buying farms. The bank will lose nothing.

JOHN WARE, recently convicted of the murder of his father in Camden, N. J., was, yesterday, sentenced to be hanged on the 10th of April.

Proceedings in the matter of the contested will of ELOISE L. NOE, deceased, were continued before Surrogate HUTCHINGS, yesterday, and the proponents of the instrument rested. The case was thereupon adjourned until Friday, March 3, on which day a beginning will be made in taking the contestant's evidence.

What the Tax-Payers Have Before Them.

The new Tax Levy scheme will be pushed through the Legislature with the utmost possible dispatch, and then the sole power of raising and spending money from public sources in this City will be confided to four men—known respectively as "Boss" TWEED, "Pete" SWEENY, "Dick" CONNOLLY, and Mayor HALL. They will have power to issue bonds, and account only to themselves for the proceeds. They will give no account of expenditure, any more than CONNOLLY does now. Mr. PETER COOPER says that it is an excellent plan. If any question is hereafter raised about the fidelity of the Commissioners, Messrs. J. J. ASTOR, MOSES TAYLOR and MARSHALL O. ROBERTS will, doubtless, be ready to sign a general certificate of "all right." And we, who denounce the whole proceeding as one of the greatest outrages ever committed in a free community, shall be told that we are opposing a worthy set of men from factious motives.

Now, if we could today place before the public Mr. CONNOLLY's books, and let them see the enormous sums—far exceeding the wildest guesses even of the opponents of the "Ring"—which have been lavished during the past year or two, without even the authority of the Tax Levy to support them, we believe that the whole City would stand aghast. The sum-shades on the new Court-house have cost, on an average, *eight hundred thousand dollars* EACH, and that is only a mild example of the frightful misappropriation of public money which has been going on unchecked. Sums past all belief have been nominally paid over to a few firms, but in reality pocketed, in large part, by the "Ring." If ever we are enabled to place the actual figures before the public, they will see at once whether we were wrong or right in protesting against the whitewashing certificate of the Astor Committee. It would then be very difficult for Mr. ASTOR and his friends to vindicate themselves, even before their most attached friends. We say now—and we say it without fear of contradiction from Mr. CONNOLLY or anybody else—that all the statements we have made relative to the waste of the public money have been far below the real mark. *Twelve millions of dollars* would not cover the amount which has thus been squandered. We challenge Mr. CONNOLLY to produce his books and disprove this assertion. He dare not do it.

But more money still is needed, and therefore this new "Commission" is to be formed. Mark this: TWEED and his friends will be able to levy the taxes, and spend them how they like. We shall be absolutely in their hands. It is said in the Bill before the Legislature that the amount levied is to be two per cent. of the present assessments—that is of 1871. Now how many people know what that assessment is? Not one man in ten thousand. We doubt even whether the assessment is completely made up yet. Then, again, it is to stand for two years. Suppose the reader, as a tax-payer, should lose $10,000 or $100,000 during 1871. He will be taxed in 1872 on the assessment now being made just the same—his losses not being taken into account. If money is wanted to cover up the deficiencies which now exist in the Controller's office, it can be had to any amount under this new scheme. The only check upon the issue of bonds is that the Commissioners must agree with each other as to the amount to be raised. This is like saying that DICK TURPIN shall not raise any money without the consent of JACK SHEPPARD. There never was such a piece of rascality concocted in this world before.

And yet the Legislature will pass the Bill, and the people will submit to it, and PETER COOPER will give it his approval—just as he approves of the Broadway extension swindle, and the Croton water swindle, and all the other devices for plundering the public, which are set on foot by the four men who are now wielding powers never before intrusted to the most irresponsible despot.

Is Hostility to Reconstruction a Democratic Issue for 1872?

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* objects to the interpretation the TIMES has placed upon FRANK BLAIR'S speech in the Senate, and the attitude of the Democratic Party toward reconstruction and the Fifteenth Amendment. We have represented hostility to that amendment and to reconstruction, as one of the issues to be presented by the Democracy in 1872; using Senator BLAIR'S declarations as proof of the determination to revive the reactionary and disorganizing policy enunciated in the Brodhead letter. Our Louisville contemporary, on the other hand, maintains that the refusal of the Democracy to indorse what the Republicans have accomplished does not imply a purpose to destroy it—that "no respectable element" in the Democracy disputes the validity of what has been done—that the intention is simply to fasten upon the Republican Party responsibility for its own acts, and that BLAIR'S speech has this significance and no more.

Now, what are the facts? When SEYMOUR and BLAIR were nominated in 1868, the Democratic Party distinctly asserted its ineradicable hostility to the scheme of reconstruction. BLAIR'S letter formed the keynote to the proceedings of the Convention in this respect. That letter pointed to the overthrow by military force of all that the Reconstruction acts had effected, and the Convention itself pronounced these acts null and void. There has not been a single indication of change in regard to these acts on the part of any regular Democratic organization, from that time till now. In not a solitary State have the Democracy formally receded from the ground assumed in 1868. The Democratic Congressional Committee, while calling upon the party to waste no time on "dead issues," carefully abstained from including among such issues either reconstruction or the Fifteenth Amendment.

The Louisville journalist applauds BLAIR'S speech as a forcible presentation of the present views of his party. Well, does BLAIR give evidence of change? On the contrary, he is emphatic in his statement that he is unchanged. As he was on June 30, 1866, so is he now. He professes, indeed, to regard the Fifteenth Amendment as part of the law of the land, but he neutralizes the declaration by remarking that "the Constitutional Amendments"—not the Fifteenth only, but all—"have been obtained by coercion in the South, and in defiance of the known will of the people of the North." And this is exactly the point at which the opinions of outspoken Democrats, like those of Indiana, possess a peculiar suggestiveness. They cannot at present get rid of the Fifteenth Amendment as a fact. But they contend that it is a fact by reason of a ratification which, being in many States compulsory, possesses no real constitutional validity. The whole fabric of reconstruction is menaced in the same way. The National Convention of 1868 condemned the acts on which it rests as "unconstitutional, null, and void." FRANK BLAIR, on the 15th of February, quoted these words as an expression of his unalterable conviction. "I did not, and do not now, regard the reconstruction measures passed by Congress, as any part of the law of the land," he avows. "Although these laws have done their work in subverting the legal Governments of the Southern States," he went on to say, "yet there is a perfectly constitutional mode by which this could be repaired, if we had an Executive who regarded the duties imposed on him by his office." Language of this character is susceptible of but one construction. The loyal Governments of the South are to be recognized only until they can be overthrown. The Republican work is to be endured only until a Democratic President, with the army at his command, has the opportunity of destroying it. If this does not imply reaction and revolution, we should like to know what would.

We appreciate the motives of the *Courier-Journal* in its attempt to show that the party with which it co-operates has grown rational and law-abiding. Our contemporary would gladly believe that the good counsels it has pressed upon its party associates have not been inoperative. Unfortunately, all the facts are against this hypothesis. The good counsel has been wasted. The Kentucky Democracy still excludes negro testimony from the Courts, and doggedly refuse to sanction any measure that would suppress the outrages now so frequent, and bring the disguised perpetrators to punishment. Nor is this all. The Kentucky Democrats not only refuse to listen to the soothing words of the *Courier-Journal*, but have started an opposition sheet, to preach the unadulterated doctrine of the Brodhead letter and the Mobile *Register*. It would be more pleasant to believe otherwise. We have heard so much about reconstruction that we would gladly consider it beyond the range of current political discussion. But we have FRANK BLAIR'S assurance that the Democracy will not allow it to rest. And while the Democrats are preparing to renew their assaults, Republicans cannot afford to be wholly indifferent.

The "Times" and Judge Barnard.

Nothing that Judge BARNARD could do would cause astonishment, and therefore no one will be surprised to learn that he granted, yesterday, on a contemptible application, an order for the arrest of two gentlemen connected with this journal. It was probably the hope of this notorious Judge that night arrests would be made in fulfillment of his order, so that the persons designated might be put to as much inconvenience as possible—in accordance with many well-known precedents set in this City. But in the Sheriff's office some sense of right and justice appears to remain, and we have no reason to complain of the manner in which the process was executed. Thus far, Judge BARNARD has been at much pains to impress upon the public mind and recollection the special animus which he bears toward us. He may find that this course limits his means of what he doubtless calls "taking his revenge."

But the general public, thoroughly familiar with Judge BARNARD'S career, may rather wonder why he has confined his animosity toward us to impotent displays of anger from the Bench. Our frequent condemnations of judicial corruption in this City have naturally touched him in a sensitive part, and he has been unwise enough to indulge in fruitless displays of passion. We, however, regard his enmity as one of the highest compliments we have ever received in the performance of our duty. We have caused his name to be known far and wide in connection with the Erie suits, and with many other proceedings which have been regarded with amazement throughout the civilized world. A shameful and degraded newspaper in this City, and one solitary lawyer who is concerned in that paper, have alone attempted to defend this Judge, but unfortunately for their client, their very defense only convinced the public of the justice of all our statements. Judge BARNARD must entertain strange ideas about newspapers if he supposes that their course can be turned by a system of singling out a person here and there connected with them. That might have done for California in the early days of the State, but it is ludicrously out of place in New-York in 1871. If the freedom of the Press were a thing as easily interfered with as personal liberty, or if it were as simple a matter to stop a newspaper, as, for example, to knock a man down in the streets, there can be very little doubt that our remarks on the long series of Erie suits would never have appeared. But a public journal is not easily gagged, nor is its policy to be changed by a warfare upon individuals connected with it. While the TIMES lasts there will always be some one ready to repeat it, again and again, and with all the force derived from a just cause and earnestness of conviction that demand for a pure Judiciary and an honest Government which the paper persistently put forward under its founders, one of whom was ordered to be arrested yesterday on the most frivolous suit ever brought into a Court of justice.

Lost on the Plains.

At a time when railroad and telegraph have carried their civilizing influences across the continent, and the "iron horse" daily and nightly dashes over the trackless prairies, and through the once impassable gorges of the Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada, it seems a little out of date to hear of people being lost on the Plains. To our contracted Eastern imaginations, it seems as though one must always be within call of a railway station, or within sight of the friendly guidance of track or wire. But this is an error which one trip across this section of our country is sufficient to remove, and which every now and then some man of town-life gets rid of, in a manner less pleasant than convincing.

Some time since we recorded the adventure of one THOMAS DORRITY, who performed the astonishing feat of traveling alone, on foot and in the depth of Winter, from Fort Buford to Sioux City, a distance of over twelve hundred miles. Considering the difference in age, and necessarily in hardihood, endurance, and fertility of resource, the somewhat similar experience of JOHN WILSON, a lad of sixteen, is, in its way, quite as remarkable. Early in January, young WILSON, accompanied by his father and two others, went on a hunting expedition to the upper waters of the Arkansas. One day the lad wandered away from camp in quest of game and did not return. Search was made for him, in vain; guns were discharged and large fires were lighted, but elicited no answering signal. After two days spent in these fruitless efforts, the party returned home, and at once organized a company for a more systematic search. Yet, with these additional advantages, it was nearly two weeks before the lost youth was recovered.

His story reads like a chapter from some prairie romance. Soon after leaving camp, he found it impossible to return. While still vainly endeavoring to regain his homeward track, he was overtaken by night and a violent storm of wind and sleet. Few who have not been similarly unlucky can fully realize the horrors of such a situation, to one, especially, who was little more than a child. Yet young WILSON did not lose courage. He still struggled on until worn out with fatigue, and in spite of the tempest, he fell down in his tracks and slept. In many cases, almost certainly in a snow-storm, such a sleep would have been fatal. In this instance it seems to have produced no serious results. The lad was awakened by the cold, and found the storm subsiding, but his clothes frozen stiff about him. Naturally enough, in the language of the Western chronicler, from whom we borrow this recital, "his first thoughts were on his friends and something to eat." To get back to his friends, he must first decide his course. For this purpose he adopted the same expedient as DORRITY. He set a stick on end and took the direction in which it fell. Unhappily the fates were unkind, and led him further and further from his friends.

Food was the next question, and for this his only resource was his gun. In the course of his wanderings, however, he encountered only one herd of buffaloes, which he fired at and missed. So, for five days, without food of any kind, half-frozen, hungry, and always growing weaker, the brave boy traveled on, fighting against the horrible despair of the situation, and hoping to fall in with some chance hunter or friendly Indian, who might relieve and guide him. At last, on the night of the fifth day, his hope was realized. He had been able, for the first time, to build a fire, before which he sat, warming his numbed limbs and thawing his frozen clothes, when a huge savage suddenly appeared before him. The intruder, fortunately, brought not war, but peace, and, what was even more acceptable, the hind-quarters of an antelope. On this the famished wanderer feasted, and was then led by his host to a camp of friendly Indians near by, where he was taken care of until sufficiently restored and strengthened to begin his way back to the settlements. His course was then pointed out to him, and, furnished with food for the journey, he started for home. Traveling three days, he fell in with his father and one of the searching parties, and his troubles were over.

For a boy of sixteen this is certainly a remarkable experience, and shows what stuff our border population is made of. It is a vivid illustration, too, of the dangers that everywhere beset the travelers on what has been aptly termed the "grassy sea" of the prairies, where to be lost is to be almost as helpless as on the pathless ocean itself.

Left-Handed Marriages.

The innovation which our State Courts seemed disposed to make in their interpretation of the laws regulating the marriage contract, is worthy of serious consideration. The ruling of the Bissel case—that the woman whom a man puts forth to the world as his wife, shall be legally his wife—bids fair to be incorporated into our State jurisprudence. Two cases of a precisely similar character are now pending in our Courts, with the chances apparently in favor of the pseudo-wife. So near an approach to the practical operation of that Scottish system under which a man and a woman may be, and, indeed, often are, married without knowing or even intending it, must be carefully scrutinized.

It is a general principle of the law of contracts that interested parties should be bound by their own representations, so far as innocent outsiders are concerned. If A represents B to the world as his partner, he is estopped from denying that relation to the injury of others who may have given credit to B on the faith of that assertion. It is held that an analogous obligation is assumed by the man who introduces a woman to society as his wife. His friends receive her with all the respect due to her supposed station, and permit her to associate with their wives and daughters. And, we are told, it is unfair that the libertine, when tired of his plaything, should be able to turn and tell those whose hospitality and confidence he has thus insulted, that his supposed wife was a disreputable person, who, under no other circumstances could have gained access to their intimacy. To admit such a principle would, it is asserted, put an end to all freedom and frankness of social intercourse, and make of every home a virtual castle fenced in with all manner of uneasy doubts and irksome suspicions.

Probably to a majority of right-minded persons, accustomed to judge all matters of domestic morality more by their feelings than by their intelligence, the reasoning will seem eminently just and proper. Perhaps if we examine it we shall find it less sound than we might wish. Desirable as it is that the fireside should be guarded from every possible intrusion of impurity and vice, as *post facto* marriages seem scarcely the logical way to secure it. The punishment does not wipe out the insult, nor is the offense removed by making the offender verify his deception. The injury is completed with the introduction, and the legal wife of today is not less an objectionable associate than the nominal wife of yesterday.

Indeed, the subject is beset with serious perplexities. The practice which this legislation seems designed to check is certainly on the increase. Careful observers of social phenomena have long asserted that marriage is growing in disfavor. Whether this fact is due to feminine extravagance or masculine depravity we need not now discuss. It is a tendency to be deplored and corrected; a vice which threatens to sap the foundations of all domestic happiness and social morality. About this there can be no two opinions; the only question is whether reform can best be accomplished, or public morals served, by legislating the mistress into the wife.

Perhaps, on the whole, this is at least doubtful. It might not be advisable, even were it feasible, under the complex condition of modern society, to carry out that provision of Mr. RUSKIN'S delightful Utopia which made marriage the civic reward of virtue and good citizenship; but surely this is wiser than to make it the penalty of transgression. Men will not be allured to it by being taught to regard it as a punishment. Wedlock is too sacred a thing to be so degraded. And, on the other hand, it is the designing and the undeserving women who will most readily profit by the license of the law. Many a young life may thus be ruined, and lost to all future usefulness and honor, by being caught in the toils of an adventuress. These are considerations which it would be well to ponder gravely and thoroughly before we commit ourselves to so radical a change in the most important of human contracts.

MINOR TOPICS.

There is a better prospect in regard to the new Post-office. An appropriation of $1,394,897 was, yesterday, sanctioned by the House, and this amount, with what had previously been passed, affords a reasonable assurance that the next twelve months will witness a more energetic prosecution of the work than was witnessed last year. The vote was not obtained until after much characteristic squabbling. There are members who imagine that their best private interest requires them to show their superior virtue by casting suspicion on others indirectly; and they, of course, are reserved to limit the appropriation to a sum that would have been exhausted before May-morning. More correct ideas of duty prevailed, and we trust that the Senate will offer no opposition to a purpose which is founded on a true estimate of public policy. What is worth doing at all, cannot be done too promptly. The necessity of a new building has been admitted, and that is a false economy which, for every a penny-wise accumulation of money, adds by delay twenty-five per cent. to the ultimate cost of the work. The officers intrusted with the superintendence are entitled to confidence, and they should now be permitted to show what vigorous management can accomplish.

Two announcements to be found in our special dispatch from Washington will be received with special satisfaction. The one relates to the appointment of the Governor for the District of Columbia under the new Territorial Constitution. A happier selection than Mr. HENRY COOKE, of the firm of JAY COOKE & CO., could hardly have been made. Those interested in the efficient local government of the national capital can in his congratulations upon the fact that a man of the highest commercial standing, and of colossal business experience and capability, should have been found willing to undertake the duties of the Gubernatorial office, and it redounds equally to the credit of the President that he should have been so well advised. As a suitable accompaniment to the inauguration of an able and upright system of government, we have an intimation that tardy, while other indications, to foreshadow the downfall of the unscrupulous and corrupt ruffers of Erie. Extensive frauds against the Government and the stockholders are, it is said, about to be brought to light at Washington, where, it is to be hoped, the revelation will be more fruitful of results than similar discoveries have yet been at Albany.

We are no nearer a solution of the coal question,—except, as the gradual exhaustion of the scanty stocks that remain hasten the crisis which will precipitate one settlement or another. The operators and the carriers are struggling; they are profiting by high prices, and with well-filled purses can afford to wait. They have contrived to apply the screw to consumers, and they are confident of their ability to bring the miners to terms. But the miners, poorly prepared for the unequal contest as they obviously are, exhibit no disposition to succumb. A meeting held yesterday at Hazleton rejected the terms proposed by the operators, and urged terms which the latter have declared their determination to resist. The ground will seem to dangerous in other aspects than those which relate to the purchasers of fuel.

Congress begins to show a wholesome horror of subsidies. The schemes before it, with plunder as their main object, are innumerable. There are steam-ship jobs, and jobs of all kinds. If but a quarter of them succeeded, the tax-payers might bid good-by indefinitely to the hope of relief. Fortunately, they have no chance. Their very number has frightened Senators and Representatives, who, for once, seem intent upon protecting the Treasury. The proposition to increase the subsidy of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company combined several elements of strength, but even this was yesterday laid on the table of the Senate by a vote of 33 to 19. That vote leaves it no possibility of resurrection this session, and the defeat of this scheme makes certain the failure of all schemes of a similar nature. For so much let us be thankful. If we are not allowed to exact even a further reduction of taxation, at least we may rejoice that there will be no addition to the people's burdens for the aggrandizement of corporations.

Mathematicians and poets have before now been driven to the verge of distraction by the sound of a barrel-organ. It is, therefore, not to be wondered at if the intellectual majority of the Brooklyn Aldermen have been greatly disgusted while receiving multifarious jobs on their midnight pillow, by "whining dogs." The community of Brooklyn suffer from a good many nuisances, such as slovenly constituted Boards, streets only a little better kept than those of New-York, soulless pavements and such like, not to mention the minor drawbacks of excessive taxation and municipal jobbery. It must be a substantial crumb of comfort to the City of Churches to find that reform has begun so far down as whining dogs. Perhaps we shall shortly find another ordinance passed against marauding cats, and so on through the other nuisances which render night hideous, till rowdy politicians and pugilistic Aldermen shall, in the natural course of reform, be finally abolished.

Storm-signals and weather portents are only just beginning to have their full importance recognized by our commercial and agricultural community. It will probably require a still longer time to convince the general public how much we owe to the Washington Bureau whose painstaking efforts furnish us with the daily "Synopsis of the Weather." To attain something like faultless efficiency, the "Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce" have only to send out their reports earlier in the night.

Will the Red Republicans of Paris never be able to overcome the tigerish instinct inherited from the Reign of Terror? A more brutal exhibition could hardly be imagined than that reported by cable as having occurred in Paris on Sunday. The anniversary of the Republic of 1848 could hardly have been signalized by an atrocity more unique than that of an infuriated crowd pelting with stones a drowning man, whose only crime was his fearless discharge of his duty. The Republic and the Monarchy are on their trial before France. An event like this, which recalls the cruel madness that prompted the guillotine and the reprisals of another generation, will weigh more heavily against the Republic with a large section of the people than the most convincing of theoretical arguments.

BISMARCK has been relentless with his terms of peace, so relentless that peace or war must appear to the Bordeaux Assembly almost equally desperate. On the part of England, Mr. GLADSTONE announced yesterday that the British Envoy would be requested not to participate in the German triumphal entry into Paris. From the connection in which this statement was made, it was evident that it was intended as an implied censure on the hardness of the German terms of peace. Germany is, however, not at all likely to attend to any such half-expressed remonstrance. If the great Powers of Europe were to make a combined representation on the subject, and show their readiness to back it by action, there might be a chance for France. As it is she must drain the cup of humiliation to the bitter dregs.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE GREATEST OF ALL OLYMPIC.

Of all that talk within the duty of dramatic critics the task of commendation upon the efforts of novices is usually the most delicate and ungracious. More emphatically in the instances set them in any other line are it almost merely unwilling to work by the experience of others. More universally in this art than in any other the yearnings of ambition and the capacity to achieve are mistaken for the temperament of genius. Thus, the novice on the boards is prone persists in labor under genius and achieve the stamp; and the question is how far it is possible or generous to dissuade them. If labor unmeaning shows, the discouraging intention is inevitable. If genius falls short of desert, there is danger to the artist and indignity to art. Those who know anything of acting know that there is no royal road to success in it. Other arts in a measure there are anywhere, that what over is really worth having costs hard struggle to win. Hence, to positive warning we have of success the service that he can take the wreath simply by stumbling and but hard the for and the strong hardness experience of two months in the effects of detailed improvement, has found these homage is rather early to demonstrate such results of art.

Such distinctions we cannot hesitate upon Mrs. OLIVER, who made her debut on Monday, in "The Lady of Lyons," on Saturday night, at the Fourteenth-street Theater; yet we can conscientiously say some things of the lady which can rarely with candor be said. Mrs. OLIVER is a beautiful picture, with dark eyes and a lithe and slender but erect and noble form. The form is exceedingly winning, although some wanting as yet in mobility and variety of expression. Her action is surprisingly easy considering her inexperience, and she falls with unmasked dramatic power that many an old actress vainly carry and fail to attain. Her voice is melodious and pleasant, and her bearing is refined and indeed like. In a word Mrs. OLIVER is in all physical respects a possible *Pauline*. It is conceivable that the author's young romance should not in their fair young face and form, "a spirit of Beauty and joy and freshness, as if Beauty itself were made a living thing, and were the shape of and that, even in looking on her, "poetry should mingle with the pleasure." All this, we would say, is rare and delightful to witness and to congratulate ourselves upon. But Mrs. OLIVER is not yet an actress. She is delicate to a most degree, and seems not to realize the degree of strength or vigor of delivery which is essential to give vitality to her conception. Of the other best of passion she seems to have little idea. Even in moments of greatest dramatic intensity, like that in which *Pauline* rebukes *Beauseant*, Mrs. OLIVER showed the want of intensity and fire which it will cost her serious future exertion to attain. In a word, her performance was in fact, delicate, lady-like, chaste, rather than in warm, vigorous, broad-colored picture; it evinced elocutionary faults, indicative of bad training, and it left upon the mind a general impression of lack of spontaneity or of effortless in artistically representing to the conception of the author.

In all this, Mrs. OLIVER made a very favorable impression. Her beauty was instant force, and her intelligence and unaffected earnestness of demeanor continually propitiated her audience. She was certainly applauded, and repeatedly called before the curtain. Her dresses were correct, as well as handsome, and were worn with an air of distinction quite charming to see. We do not doubt that Mrs. OLIVER, with hard study and practice, may become, if she chooses, a good juvenile actress. She is certainly a lovely woman, and if her dramatic genius is not yet to be pronounced as we could wish it, it should not be forgotten that all things must have a beginning, and that women have worn the tragedy crown before now whose initiatory attempts were much less promising than her own.

HAYTI.

Another Revolutionary Movement—Geffrard's Power Threatened by the Old Officers of Soulouque Government—Preparations for Hostilities.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CURACOA, Thursday, Feb. 9, 1871.

Recent events have developed a strong and powerful revolutionary feeling against President SAGEY, of Hayti. The head-quarters of the opposition are in Curacoa. The principal leader is Ex-Minister SALOMON, who has lately arrived here from Paris. Gen. RIGO, Secretary of State under SALNAVE, the late President; Gen. TYRE, Minister to Washington under SALNAVE; VIL LUBIN, son of the old LABOR who was shot in Jamaica during the revolutionary troubles nearly two years ago, are also prominent. Gen. TATIS is now in France, it is thought, for the purpose of buying arms and obtaining other assistance. The proceedings of this dangerous party are conducted with great secrecy, and every possible precaution is taken to avoid suspicion until they are fully prepared. But it is known that their adherents number many who have frequently seen war and fighting in former revolutions, and that they have collected quite a quantity of arms. A vessel has arrived here from New-Orleans, laden with arms, which is is supposed are intended for them. The revolutionists are actually intriguing with the people at Cape Haytien, where they believe they have a strong hold, and from which place it is expected they will make their first demonstration, as the plains between there and Port-au-Prince offer many advantages to them. Port-au-Prince will not be attempted yet, that place being much too strong to be attacked with their present resources. The party is very active, and we may date here of the commencement of hostilities.

INCREASE OF EPIDEMICS.

Scarlet Fever and Small-Pox Raging in New-York and the Suburbs—The Fourth of Hundreds Scarcely.

Added to the general alarm concerning the existing coal scarcity, comes a rumor of a prospective pestilence that has already settled upon our eastern and western borders and threatens to cross the two dividing rivers and seize upon this Metropolis. Rumors have been in circulation to the effect that small-pox of a virulent type had been imported into Hoboken, where it has been rapidly on the increase. It has been known, too, that the scarlet fever has been raging to a very great extent in Brooklyn, and in a lesser but considerable degree in this City and throughout suburban villages. Inquiries made at the office of the Board of Health, yesterday, showed that last week there were fifty-eight cases of measles, ninety of scarlet fever and thirty-two of small-pox. A review of the few previous weeks shows a steady increase in the number of these diseases. The Health Warden of Hoboken, Dr. EMONY, states that although there are but about eight cases of small-pox in Hoboken, that by no means represents the number. There are many cases in private houses, treated by family physicians, and the disease has spread over Jersey City, Newark and suburbs, and is a measure through out the State. A large building, originally intended for a cholera hospital, has been converted to small-pox patients. It is amply ventilated, conveniently arranged, and is under the charge of the Sisters of the Poor. Male nurses are also connected to attend the patients. Ambulances and attendants have been provided, and all preparations made to the cover and convey every new case to this institution. As a precautionary measure, the infected districts have been labeled, and the children prevented from coming into the schools. One of the attending physicians has four families, in one of which there are four cases under his charge. The origin of this horrible disease is traced to the clothing of sailors that was washed ashore at Hoboken. It is said that the disease is raging in Liverpool, and in the French and North German ports, and that while the passengers of the incoming vessels are examined the sailors are not.

In Brooklyn, Dr. COCHRAN, the Health Officer, states that in all his experience, the scarlet fever never made such hav

WASHINGTON.

A Hot Contest Over the Omnibus Appropriation Bill—The Work Hurried Through and Finally Laid on the Table—Funds for the New-York Post-Office—Governor of the Federal Election—An Explosion in Erie Matters to Come—Senator Sumner Himself Again.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The House had a long and violent struggle to-day, occupying its entire session on the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill. The question which engaged the attention was the appropriation of about a million and a half for some ten or twelve new public buildings. Mr. DAWES stated during the debate that last year the Supervising Architect prepared plans and estimates for some twenty new buildings. Of these the Secretary of the Treasury selected and recommended six, but the Committee left them all out. This year the Committee had called upon the Secretary to designate those which the public service most required. He had in response designated those which were named in the bill, and the Committee had decided to submit the question of these new buildings to the sense of the House. When the New-York and Boston appropriations were reached, Mr. FARNSWORTH vented his usual quantity of spleen, but it made no difference, and the Committee's recommendations were adopted. The amount appropriated for New-York, to be applied to the construction of the building above the sill course, is $1,700,000, and the cost of the building above the sill course is limited to $3,000,000, but subject to no other limitation or restriction. The Boston paragraph was also agreed to. When the new buildings were reached, Trenton being first in order, the point of order was made that there was no law authorizing the construction of a building at that place. The point was sustained, and it was then moved that the rules be suspended and all these new buildings, viz.: Trenton, Trustees, St. Louis, San Francisco, Hartford, Albany, Nashville, Grand Rapids, Fort Huron, La Crosse and Quincy, involving about a million and a half of expenditure to begin with, be put in the bill, but Mr. DAWES protested against this wholesale way of dealing with these appropriations, and insisted upon having a separate expression of the House on each. Then followed a remarkable scene, trying the patience of the Speaker, wearying the yea and nay clerks, and almost demolishing Mr. DAWES' efforts to resist encroachments upon the bill. The various sectional and local interests combined and then log-rolled all the estimates through, finally capping the climax by putting in Covington, Ky., with $200,000 for a building which had not been recommended at all. The item of $200,000, for a new building for the Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which was recommended by the Secretary, had no log-rolling strength behind it, and consequently fell through when the point of order was directed against it. Some people noted it as not a very remarkable coincidence that LOGAN and FERNANDO, the men who couldn't vote on Saturday for a few thousands for Washington on the score of economy, voted for all these matters today. The rest of the bill being the light-house appropriations and the section raising the German mission to the first rank, was then put through under suspension of the rules, but by this time the work of the members began to sit rather heavy on their consciences, and pending the engrossment of the bill, Mr. HOLMAN moved to lay the bill on the table, which, to the surprise of many, was agreed to, yeas 115, nays 71. Mr. DAWES changed his vote and moved a reconsideration, pending which the House adjourned. The bill will probably be reconsidered to-morrow, and be passed with all the items for the commencement of the new buildings stricken out.

A LOBBYIST TURNED OUT OF COURT.

Chief-Justice CARTER, of the District Supreme Court, rendered an important decision today, striking at a species of influence and a class of practice in Washington, which has grown into vast proportions. Gen. TIMOTHY C. DWIGHT, a lobbyist, and CORYDON KARR, agent of a lock company, for his services in endeavoring to secure the acceptance by the Post-office Department of a lock manufactured by the Company, Judge CARTER instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the defendant, on the ground that such a contract for services was contrary to the true interests of public policy.

APPROPRIATION BILLS.

The Indian and the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bills went to Conference Committees in both Houses today, and are thus put beyond the danger of being lost.

GOVERNOR OF THE DISTRICT.

The anxiety of the District people and the local politicians on the subject of the Governorship of the District of Columbia was dissipated today by the nomination of HENRY D. COOKE, Esq., the well-known banker, and head of the Washington house of JAY COOKE & Co. It has been generally understood that Mr. COOKE would not accept, and on Friday last the position was tendered to A. S. SOLOMONS, Esq., of the firm of FRILY & SOLOMONS, who felt compelled to decline it on account of his business engagements. Mr. COOKE is in Philadelphia for a day or two, but it is understood that he will consent to take the office, and put the new Government in motion. The appointment is received with the utmost satisfaction by all parties, and is probably the most popular selection that could have been made.

PROMINENT VISITORS.

The city is crowded with strangers, many of them distinguished in the social and political world. Among the arrivals at the Arlington today, are Senator Frelinghuysen, wife and daughter, of New-Jersey; Hon. Freeman Clarke, wife and daughter, of New-York; John C. Green and wife, of New-York; Judge Wheeler, Hon. Wm. Orton, Gen. Van Vliet, Jas. Thorburn, Jos. Seligman, Jno. McHale and Thos. K. Stewart, of New-York; also Mrs. J. S. Morgan and daughter, of London, and Mrs. Watts Sherman and Mrs. J. T. Soutter, of New-York.

A NEW SENSATION IN ERIE MATTERS.

An explosion in Erie Railway matters such as has not even yet occurred may shortly be looked for. Intelligence has reached the officers of the Government to the effect that extensive frauds upon the Government, as well as upon the stockholders, have been perpetrated by the management, and it is expected that the facts will be shortly made public.

ADMIRAL AND VICE-ADMIRAL.

The Conference Committee on the House bill abolishing the grades of Admiral and Vice-Admiral has failed to agree, and was today discharged. This failure was caused by the House insisting on extending the provisions of the bill so as to reduce, as fast as vacancies occurred, the number of Rear-Admirals from ten to three, and the number of Commodores from twenty-five to six. The Senate objected to this because it was incompetent for a Conference Committee to go into a question not considered by either House, and the bill therefore fails.

THE CHARGES AGAINST SENATOR SPRAGUE.

The Committee investigating the charges against Senator SPRAGUE determined to make one more attempt, before making up its report, to have the testimony of Mr. JENCKES, who made the accusation in the first instance. They addressed him a second invitation on Saturday, and today he appeared and produced photographs of the original letters in which SPRAGUE introduced HOYT to Gen. BUTLER, and to Admiral FARRAGUT; a letter to Secretary WELLES, and an official letter from Major HAY, private Secretary of the President. These letters had been filed by HOYT in the office of one of the Auditors, as proof of his loyalty. In answer to a direct question, Mr. JENCKES stated he had no information to show that SPRAGUE had any improper object in entering into the transaction. This testimony may modify the report of the Committee, but probably not in a manner prejudicial to Mr. SPRAGUE.

PAYING FOR CURIOSITIES.

A proposition has passed the House in the Sundry Civil bill to pay Mr. WILSON, late Commissioner of the Land Office, $10,000, as compensation for a collection of specimens of minerals, Indian relics, and the like, called a museum, which he has gathered while Commissioner, and placed in the Land Office. This is a mere gratuity. The specimens have been forwarded from time to time by Indian Agents, surveyors and mining agents, who had gathered them in answer to WILSON's request, not for his personal ownership, but for a public museum. There are several officers in the Interior Department now who have done vastly more for the collection than WILSON. But this is not all. A very large part of the specimens forwarded to the office have been given away to members of Congress and others to gain influence for the donor, and it is asserted that many particularly valuable pieces have within the last two months been sent to Democratic politicians all over the country, while all the extra bound copies of the Land Office Report for that year have gone in the same direction. If WILSON gets this $10,000, Mr. CARGOS should be paid for the Museum in the Agricultural Department, and Mr. SPOFFORD for the books in the Library. The Senate Appropriation Committee will doubtless look into the case before it is reported to the Senate.

REGULATION OF RANK IN THE NAVY.

Senator CRAGIN asked to make a personal explanation on account of inquiries in the papers as to his intentions regarding the line and staff bill. The point of order was raised that it was not a personal matter, but for the purpose of saying what he designed to say he moved to postpone the pending order to take up the bill mentioned, and then declared that he should move its provisions as an amendment to the Naval Appropriation bill.

PAYMENT OF CENSUS MARSHALS.

It will be remembered that some time ago the House passed a resolution to increase the pay of the assistant marshals employed in taking the census to $5 per day, in all cases where less per diem was made. The principle of payment under the law of 1850 is absurd in theory, and entirely unsuccessful in experience in giving the marshals equitable pay. For instance, in 1860 a marshal in one of the Territories calculated his compensation on the basis of 150,000 square miles in his district, and it so happened that all the inhabitants in it lived along a river, so that his actual travel was very inconsiderable. He received about $40 per day in some thinly-settled districts. This year marshals have made from $20 to $60 per day, with very little work. In cities from $6 to $12 has been made, but more than half the marshals did not receive $5 per day, and could not have received it under the law by practicing the utmost diligence possible. Now, however, there is a great outcry on the part of those who made more than $5 per day, against any of the others having an increase unless all can have it. The Philadelphia marshals, as an example, who, for easier work, received perhaps $9 per day, grumble at a proposition to give the unfortunate fellows who get only $4 to $6 per day for scrambling over the ridges of the Alleghanies, $5, unless they shall have a proportionate increase.

DEMOCRATS DELAYING WORK.

Mr. COLE this morning, in the Senate, reported the Army Fortification Appropriation bill, as it came from the House, and asked immediate consideration. Mr. DAVIS objected, and the bill went upon the calendar. Inasmuch as the Democrats have charged the Republicans with a purpose to carry the Appropriation bills over to the next Congress in order to delay its first session, so that the report of the San Domingo Commission can be received, it is of interest to note the source from which obstacles to their passage arise.

SENATOR SUMNER OUT AGAIN.

Mr. SUMNER was in his seat in the Senate a short time during the morning hour, and received the congratulations of many Senators on the improvement in his health. He wears no mark of his recent illness, but looks rather as if he had been away on a pleasure trip. Mr. MORTON and Mr. WILSON were in earnest conversation with him for some time. It is reported to-night that he intends to make his onslaught on the Administration to-morrow, if the Naval Appropriation bill is reached.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

The Democrats of the House held a caucus to-night to talk over political matters, and review the expenditures of the late campaign. It was found that the Executive Committee were $3,000 short. Whereupon Hon. Sunset COX promptly drew his check for the amount. This will probably insure his nomination for the Speakership by the Democrats, a distinction greatly coveted by himself as well as by Gen. MORGAN, of Ohio, who is contesting the compliment with him, but SAM will probably carry off the honor.

INCREASE OF SUBSIDY.

The first question before the Senate when the Post-office Appropriation bill came up today, was to lay the Committee's amendment increasing the subsidy of the Pacific Mail line on the table. The motion was carried by a vote of 32 to 19. The proposition was renewed when the bill was reported to the Senate in the night session and was again disposed of in the same way.

THE BRIDGE AT CINCINNATI.

Mr. SHERMAN then moved an amendment to compel the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to raise the height of its bridge across the Ohio River at Cincinnati to 100 feet above low water. A motion to lay on the table was voted down by 24 to 26. Mr. SCOTT made a speech in favor of an amendment binding the Government to pay the extra cost. Mr. CHANDLER opposed the proposition for the Government to interfere, and after speaking some time himself sent to the Clerk's desk to be read the arguments of the railroad's attorney before the Commerce Committee. Its reading would have required at least an hour. Objection was made, and he avowed his purpose to read it himself as a part of his remarks. The majority of the Senate evidently favored the proposition of Mr. SHERMAN, but it was apparently impossible to reach a vote in a reasonable time, and a second motion to lay on the table was made and carried. In the night session the amendment was renewed, and after a spirited debate and strong opposition, by the Pennsylvania Senators in particular, it was carried by a vote of 32 to 22. All attempts to commit the Senate to a proposition to allow the road any compensation for the additional cost were voted down, and the express provision was made that the Government should not be liable for damages. The Senate steadily refused to adjourn after the amendment was made till the bill had been read a third time and passed. The Australia steam-ship subsidy was also again laid on the table.

NOMINATIONS.

The President has sent in the following nominations to the Senate:

James Woodward, Surveyor of Customs, Kansas City, Mo.; J. R. Bridgman, Appraiser of Merchandise, Milwaukee, Wis.; Fry-masters A. W. Russell, W. W. Williams and Charles J. Guild, United States Navy, to be advanced three numbers in their grade; George T. Andrews, Professor of French at the Military Academy.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE.....WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.

CREDENTIALS.

The credentials of Senator elect CALDWELL were presented by Mr. POMEROY, read and filed.

RAILROAD IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Mr. HOWARD called up the bill to enable the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad Company to change the northern terminus of its road from Traverse Bay to the Straits of Mackinaw, which was discussed without action until after the expiration of the morning hour.

MR. BLAIR WISHES TO EXPLAIN.

Mr. BLAIR, of Missouri, rising to a personal explanation, sent to the Secretary and had briefly read, an article from the Washington correspondence of the New-York *Tribune*, stating that at a caucus of Republican Senators recently held for the purpose of consulting upon measures necessary to protect the lives and property of loyal citizens against Kuklux depredations in the South, Senator SCOTT, Chairman of the Investigating Committee, made some statements of the testimony taken before the Committee concerning affairs in North Carolina. These statements were to the effect that much of the testimony was of a startling character; that there were 40,000 men of the rebel Kuklux already organized in North Carolina and acting under some central authority, and it was in evidence that similar organizations already existed in nearly every Southern State, but the investigation had not been pushed far enough to warrant any more definite statements.

At this point, before the article had been concluded, Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, objected to its being read further, on the ground that it was not in the nature of a personal explanation.

Mr. BLAIR then stated the purpose of his explanation. As a member of the Investigating Committee referred to, he desired to call the attention of the Chairman of the Committee to this matter in the presence of the Senate. These statements of evidence privately taken before a committee, whose proceedings were intended to be secret, were alleged to have been publicly made by the Chairman. His belief was it a violation of the privileges of the Senate that such evidence should be divulged even to Republican caucuses, for the purpose of pressing hostile legislation.

Mr. SHERMAN thought if the Senate allowed all the reports and telegrams sent by newspaper men in regard to the proceedings of Committees to be read as privileged questions, it would have to stop all other business.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont—Let us have the regular order of business.

The VICE-PRESIDENT ruled that the Senator from Missouri (BLAIR) could only have the subject considered by a postponement of the Post-office Appropriation bill, which was the regular order of business.

Mr. SCOTT, of Pennsylvania, said he had no objection to the matter being brought before the Senate by the Senator from Missouri, and if necessary he would reply.

The question being put, the Senate refused, by a viva voce vote, to allow the subject to be further considered.

A NEW-HAMPSHIRE GENTLEMAN HAS AN EXPLANATION.

Mr. CRAGIN, of New-Hampshire, also rose to a personal explanation in regard to an imputation in the *Tribune* that the House bill regulating rank in the Navy was being intentionally delayed in the Senate Naval Committee.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, did not think the explanation one of a privileged character, and objected to the time of the Senate being occupied by such statements.

Mr. CRAGIN then moved to postpone the regular order to take up the bill referred to, and upon that motion proceeded to make his statement. After reading from the *Tribune* article to the effect that the House had done its part in abating the long-standing scandal of the service by passing a bill regulating naval rank, it was now reported that the Senate Committee, of which Mr. CRAGIN was Chairman, intended to smother the bill. He said this was a specimen of many newspaper articles on the subject, and he would now call attention to the fact that he had twice asked the Senate for a day to consider the business from the Committee on Naval Affairs, which had been refused. Other committees, which had succeeded in having days assigned for their business, had been crowded aside by Appropriation bills, and in view of that fact he had not continued his efforts to have a day set apart for the bill referred to. He appealed to each of the members of the Naval Committee to bear him testimony that the Committee had earnestly desired the Senate to consider the bill. He did not approve of scandalous reports circulated by interested parties.

MR. SAULSBURY MAKES A SUGGESTION.

Mr. SAULSBURY desired to make a suggestion which, if followed, would, he thought, save Senators a great deal of trouble in future; that was, not to read the New-York *Tribune* at all. [Laughter.] If members would not read it they would know nothing at all about the things of which they complained.

REGULATION OF RANK IN THE NAVY.

Mr. CRAGIN then withdrew his motion to take up the bill, and asked the Senate to appropriate an hour this evening for its consideration.

General objection being made, Mr. CRAGIN gave notice that he would move the bill as an amendment to the Naval Appropriation bill when it came up.

INVESTIGATION OF SOUTHERN OUTRAGES.

Mr. HAMLIN submitted a resolution authorizing the Committee on Southern Outrages to continue their investigations during the next session of the Forty-second Congress. Laid over until to-morrow.

INCREASE OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Mr. THURMAN, of Ohio, moved to take up the bill to divide the State of Ohio into two judicial districts, and for other purposes. Lost.

POST-OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS.

The Post-office Appropriation was then proceeded with, the question being on the motion to lay on the table the amendment of the Committee on Appropriations to increase the subsidy of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company to $1,000,000 per annum. The motion to lay on the table was carried by yeas 32, nays 12.

Cincinnati and Newport Bridge.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, moved as an amendment to the bill now pending in the Senate, to suspend the construction of the Cincinnati and Newport bridge, now being built, and requiring it to be raised, from seventy, as at present, to one hundred feet above low water mark.

Mr. SHERMAN advocated his amendment in the interest of commerce on the Ohio River, the business of the Mississippi Valley and adjacent thereto, claiming that the bridge was an impediment to navigation.

Mr. SCOTT, of Pennsylvania, argued that the bridge was built in accordance with the law, that the Government had expressly authorized its construction, in pursuance of which the Company had advanced money and sold their bonds, and Congress could not now in good faith make any change, as proposed, without providing a suitable compensation to the Company. He submitted an amendment to pay the Company $200,000 for raising the bridge, this being the estimated cost reported by the Board of Engineers. The Chair (Mr. CONKLING) ruled the amendment out of order, because it was not recommended by a Standing Committee, as required by the rules.

Mr. POMEROY, of Kansas, offered an amendment reciting that the construction of the bridge was in accordance with the law, and directing the contemplated damages to be made under the jurisdiction of the War Department, and the actual cost to be reported to Congress.

Mr. CHANDLER, of Michigan, argued that the Government was asking of this Bridge Company what was never required of any other, and that if this bridge was taken down, all the others on the Ohio should follow.

Mr. COLE, of California, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was agreed to—yeas 31, nays 21.

Stamped Envelopes.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM, of Connecticut, moved to add to the clause relating to stamped envelopes, a proviso that such envelopes shall not be transmitted by mail without an additional charge of 2 per 1,000 for transportation.

Mr. HAWLEY, of North Carolina, thought the effect of such additional cost would be to do away with stamped envelopes entirely, as it would preclude their being sent by mail.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM denied that such would be the effect, and, in further review of the subject, he criticised the management of the Post-office Department in competing with private manufacturers in the manufacture of envelopes.

Mr. RAMSEY, of Minnesota, denied that there was any dangerous competition, and stated that while the yearly aggregate of envelopes, under ordinary stamp, passed through the mail, was 14,000,000, that of stamped envelopes was but 2,150,000. Under the practice of the Department, envelopes of a superior quality were furnished the public.

After further discussion by Messrs. SPRAGUE and SYLVESTER, of Rhode Island, the amendment was rejected—yeas 18, nays 27.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM then moved to raise the price of envelopes by including the cost of transportation and labor. Lost—yeas 19, nays 22.

The Cincinnati Bridge Laid on the Table.

The bill was then reported from the Committee of the Whole, when Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, renewed his amendment relative to the Cincinnati and Newport Bridge.

After discussion by Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, in favor, and Mr. EDMUNDS against inserting the provision in the bill, a motion to lay the amendment on the table prevailed—yeas 29, nays 28.

Without disposing of the bill the Senate, at 4½, took a recess till evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. BLAIR, of Missouri, from the Committee of Conference, on the bill for the construction of a bridge at Booneville, Mo., made a report which was adopted.

EVENING SESSION THROUGH THE WEEK.

On motion of Mr. COLE it was ordered that the Senate will hold its sessions every evening during the present week commencing at 7½ o'clock.

RANK OF ADMIRAL AND VICE-ADMIRAL.

Mr. CRAGIN, of New-Hampshire, from the Committee of Conference on the bill to abolish the grades of Admiral and Vice-Admiral in the navy, reported that the Committees of the two Houses had failed to agree, and, on his motion, the Committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject. He gave notice that when the notification of disagreement was received from the House, he would move that the Senate insist on its amendments and ask for a new Committee of Conference.

POST-OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL RENEWED.

The Post-office Appropriation bill was then proceeded with.

Mr. STEWART, of Nevada, renewed and advocated the amendment rejected in the Committee of the Whole, to increase the annual subsidy to the French Mail Steam-ship Company to $1,000,000. In the course of his remarks he said the Company had been much crippled by the Pacific Railroad, which had virtually destroyed its Panama line. He feared that if the additional aid was not extended, the Company would be compelled to cease operations.

Mr. CHANDLER, of Michigan, said that, as a postal experiment, this line had been a dead failure. In four years the Government had paid to it in subsidies two million dollars, and the entire amount it had received from postage was $61,319. Mr. CHANDLER quoted from the Treasury statistics as to the amount of traffic between San Francisco and Japan, and contended that it was too insignificant to be spoken of. He characterized the whole thing as a job. These worn out and rotten hulks should be turned out into deep sea soundings and ten pounds of nitro-glycerine put in them, and let us hear no more of them.

Mr. RAMSEY, said Mr. CHANDLER came in here with the roar of a Numidian lion, [great laughter,] and he thought he would be somewhere near the mark if he should say that he came here with the roar of a sucking dove. He (Mr. RAMSEY) was in favor of the amendment, and he would like to know what did was to bring in appropriations of $500,000 or $600,000 for dredging or digging canals in Michigan.

Mr. STEWART of Nevada, COLE of California, and CONKLING of Oregon, spoke against the amendment, and stated that the author of the amendment was himself owner of a line of steamships plying between San Francisco, China and Japan, receiving with great liability, and that the great interest of the Government was to foster such a line.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, expressed his great surprise that this bantor of the Senate did not look favorable to this new step of subsidy. He moved to lay the amendment on the table—yeas 28, nays 11.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, renewed his amendment to suspend the construction of the Cincinnati and Newport bridge, modifying it so as to provide that, if space be made 100 feet above low-water mark, no draw need be constructed.

Mr. EDMUNDS moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was lost—yeas 26, nays 32.

An amendment to the amendment, by Mr. WILLIAMS, was adopted, providing that no claim against the Government for damages shall be allowed.

The amendment by Mr. STEWART, as modified, was rejected by yeas 26, nays 28.

Mr. CONKLING moved to lay the motion on the table. Agreed to, 35 to 20.

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The bill then passed, and the Army Appropriation bill was taken up when the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WAR OF RACES.

Mr. COX, of New-York, presented a petition from South Carolina recounting the outrages upon the whites, and the consequence resulting on the blacks, and urging a better government or the separation of the races in South Carolina.

ERIE AND OSWEGO CANALS.

Mr. BENNETT, of New-York, asked the House to assign Thursday next for action on a bill for the enlargement of the aqueducts and locks of the Erie and Oswego canals, so as to admit the passage of vessels of war and commerce of one hundred tons burden propelled by steam.

Objection was made.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The Senate amendments to the Legislative Appropriation bill, and to the Indian Appropriation bill, were non-concurred in, and a Committee of Conference asked.

RIGHTS OF DOCTORS.

Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, introduced a bill to secure to the medical profession equal rights in the service of the United States. Referred.

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS.

Mr. MUNGEN, of Ohio, from the Committee on Printing, reported a resolution directing the distribution to members of the Forty-first Congress the books and public documents ordered by that Congress and ready for distribution before the 1st of December, 1871. Adopted.

Mr. MUNGEN also reported a resolution for printing extra copies of the Agricultural Report, a portion in the German language.

Mr. SARGENT, of California, moved to strike out the provision for the German edition, contending that if it were printed in one foreign tongue, it would be necessary to have editions in all languages.

Messrs. STEVENSON and WILSON, of Ohio, contended for the propriety of a German edition, and Mr. GARFIELD against it.

GERMAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

Without disposing of the question, the House resumed the consideration of the Omnibus Appropriation bill.

Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut, moved to insert an appropriation of $50,000 to commence the work for the establishment of a navy-yard at New-London, Conn., and argued in favor of it.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, opposed the proposition, admitting that New-London was a good locality for a navy-yard, but contended that until it was officially selected and authorized by law, it was premature to make appropriations for it. He intimated that services of pleasant beer presented to persons who were supposed to have influenced the selection of Long Island as a navy-yard.

Mr. STARKWEATHER accused Mr. DAWES of arguing and voting against his own record, having heretofore supported the proposition to establish a navy-yard at New-London.

The amendment was rejected.

The item of $1,324,607 for the New-York Post-office and Court-house gave rise to the usual discussion, participated in by Messrs. FARNSWORTH of Illinois, DAWES of Massachusetts, SARGENT of California, and KERR of Indiana.

The appropriation was finally made.

The appropriation for the Post-office and Court-house at Omaha, Nebraska, was increased from $75,000 to $150,000.

On motion of Mr. HOOPER, of Pennsylvania, an item of $16,000 was inserted for repairs to the Court-house and Post-office at Pittsburg, Penn.

The item of $100,000 for the erection of a Government building at Trenton, N. J., was ruled out on a point of order, but on motion of Mr. DAWES the rules were suspended by 141 to 54, so as to make the item in order, and it was agreed to.

The same motion was taken in regard to the item of $212,300 for a Government office and apraiser's store at San Francisco, and it was agreed to by 131 to 54.

The item of $200,000 for a building for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the Treasury Department was excluded on a point of order.

An item of $150,000 for a Government building at Hartford, Conn., was ruled out on a like point of order. A motion to suspend the rules so as to regard it in order was ruled out, and a motion to agree to it was rejected by 46 to 67—less than two-thirds in the affirmative. Subsequently on motion of Mr. STROUSE, a similar item was inserted, with the amount reduced to $100,000.

The item of $200,000 for a Government building in Albany, N. Y., was ruled out on a point of order, but the rules were suspended and the item inserted by 136 to 44.

Like action was taken as to the item of $80,000 for the Government building at Grand Rapids, Mich., and the item of $100,000 for a Government building at Fort Huron, Mich. The item of $80,000 for a Government building at La Crosse, Wis., was excluded on a point of order, the House refusing to suspend the rules so as to make it in order. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. DAWES, the same item increased to $85,000, was inserted, together with an item of $50,000 for a building at Jefferson City, Mo., and one of $75,000 for a building at Kansas City, Mo.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, of Kentucky, an item of $1,000,000 was inserted for the Government building at Covington, Ky.

Mr. MYERS, of Pennsylvania, asked leave to move an appropriation of $17,500 for the salary of an Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia, pending that mission on a footing with the mission to the German Empire, and to France, and England.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, objected.

The House having reached the forty-third page of the bill, nothing more being left but the light-house appropriations, a motion to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to refund the duties to parties entitled to such refunding, and a section to place the mission to the German Empire on the same footing as the missions to England and France, the remainder of the bill was agreed to by a single vote under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. JUDD, of Illinois, desired to move to recommit the bill, with instructions to strike out all the appropriations for new work; but Mr. DAWES declined to yield for that motion.

Mr. HOLMAN, of Indiana, then moved to lay the bill on the table.

The vote was taken amid much confusion and excitement, and the bill was laid on the table—Yeas 115, nays 71.

Mr. DAWES moved to reconsider the vote.

INCOME TAX REPEAL—PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE.

Pending action on that motion, Mr. HOOPER, of Massachusetts, from the Conference Committee on the question between the House and the Senate in reference to the right of the Senate to originate a bill to repeal the income tax, made a report on behalf of the House Managers.

The report recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House maintains that it is the sole and exclusive privilege to originate all bills directly affecting the revenue, whether such bills be for the imposition, reduction or repeal of taxes; and in the exercise of that privilege, in the first instance, to limit and apportion the ends, purposes, conditions and limitations of such bills, whether relating to the matter, manner, measure or time of their introduction, subject to the right of the Senate to propose or concur with amendments, as in other bills.

Mr. HOOPER gave notice that he would call up the resolution for action at the first opportunity.

LAND CLAIMS.

Mr. KERR, of Indiana, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted a report in favor of the claims of the States of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, for two per cent. of the proceeds of the sales of public lands and Indian reservations within those States since their admission into the Union, estimating all such lands at $1 25 per acre; also, in favor of paying to the Choctaw Nation of Indians $250,000 tolls in United States bonds, under the treaty of 18th April, 1866.

The House, at 6 o'clock, adjourned.

The Fifteenth Amendment Ran in Central.

Rev. MOSES MANNING (colored) last evening addressed a meeting of colored citizens at No. 476 Broadway, Williamsburg, on the importance of making an imposing public demonstration on the 10th of April next, in honor of the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment. A resolution was adopted instructing a committee to make arrangements for a grand parade on that day, and the meeting adjourned until the evening of the 6th.

German Emigrant Aid Society.

The German Emigrant Aid Society enjoyed their annual dinner last evening, at Lieder-kranz Hall, Fourth-street. After dinner a meeting was held, at which a number of names were proposed for membership, and the following gentlemen were re-elected members of the Board of Directors: Philip Billinger, Jacob Windmuller, C. Steiger, R. Bagnelscher, F. Mahgnon, J. W. Brunn, and William Steinway.

ALBANY.

Proceedings of the Legislature—Another City Secret Railroad Project—Contracts—The Broadway Widening and Water Bills Not Yet Signed—The Erie Directors' Secret Bill.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The Legislature convened this evening, after the recess. No business of importance was transacted. Mr. GARRY introduced in the Senate another elaborate scheme for a steam railroad in New-York, to be [illegible]

[illegible]

Gov. HOFFMAN has not yet signed the Broadway Widening bill, or Twomey's Water bill, and there is a bare suspicion that he intends to veto them. If not signed by Wednesday, they become laws without his signature.

[illegible]

bill for the repeal of the Erie Directors' secret act. Whether the Democracy intend to throw Erie overboard, or whether the Ring is at the bottom of the bill, is not known. Its framers can all participate in the bribery fund if they want to, but time will determine.

REGULAR RECORD.

SENATE.....ALBANY, Monday, Feb. 27.

The Senate met at 7 P. M.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. LEWIS—Incorporating Queen City Cycling and Curling Club, of Buffalo.

By Mr. TWEED—Extending the time for organizing the Niagara Water Works Company.

By Mr. BANKS—Authorizing the Justices of the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial District to fix the times and places of holding the general terms in the several Judicial Districts.

By Mr. BANKS—Fixing public holidays.

By Mr. WOODIN—Authorizing the formation of coal companies to use tracks of three-foot gauge.

By Mr. TWEED—Authorizing the Board of Village Trustees to publish receipts and disbursements.

By Mr. MORGAN—Appropriating $200,000 to the Hudson River State Hospital.

By Mr. [illegible]—Authorizing trial without a jury, when a jury shall be challenged upon the ground that he is formed or expressed an opinion, and shall be only a challenge for fraud, and which shall be a challenge for principal cause.

By Mr. TWEED—Increasing number of notaries public in New-York City. [On motion the bill was passed.]

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following bills were disposed of as follows: Amending the act authorizing certain towns in Chautauqua County to purchase and [illegible] the right of way for railroad purposes—Ordered to a third reading.

Amending the Kingsbridge Water act—Ordered to a third reading.

Renewing the charter of the State Agricultural Society—Third reading.

ANOTHER CITY RAILROAD PROJECT.

Mr. GERRY introduced a bill appointing Commissioners of Public Works, the President of the Department of Public Works, the President of the Department of Parks, together with WILLIAM E. DODGE, Mose[illegible] MARSHALL O. ROBERTS, Peter [illegible] and their successors in office, a Board of Commissioners of Transportation to lay out and construct and operate a steam railroad, extending from the Battery to Harlem River and through the Park of Central Park—the Commissioners to serve without compensation. The bill was read twice, and [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. MUNGER asked consent to offer a resolution requesting representatives in Congress to use efforts to remove all duties on coal.

Mr. ALFORD said he would object to the introduction of the resolution at this time.

[The resolution was subsequently admitted, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.]

PETITIONS.

Mr. GOODSON presented petitions of stockholders of the Erie Railroad for a repeal of the Directors' Classification act.

A large number of petitions were presented to make the Decoration (Decoration Day) a legal holiday. Also against refunding moneys to drafted men.

THE ORIENTAL BANK BILL.

Mr. CAMPBELL moved that the bill amending the charter of the Oriental Bank be called back from the Governor for amendment, which was agreed to.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. WEED—To incorporate the Sisterhood of Charity, of the City of New-York.

By Mr. RAY—Amending the charter of Hudson.

By Mr. ALEXANDER—Vesting in the United States jurisdiction over the lands at the mouth of Oak-Orchard Creek.

By Mr. HOWES—To provide for the care of the public records of Nassau County.

By Mr. MOSELEY—Incorporating the Island City Land and Improvement Company, to furnish water. Union-street, Brooklyn. Also, providing for a Board of Elections in Brooklyn—the inspectors to be elected as at present.

By Mr. TIFFANY—Authorizing the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company to transport coal through this State.

By Mr. C. D. FORD—Authorizing the City of Brooklyn to issue bonds for a sinking fund to pay the floating city debt; also, authorizing Rochester to continue the survey for a map of the city.

By Mr. PLACE—Amending the charter of the Trip Union Foundry Association. [On his motion the bill passed.]

By Mr. PERRY—Incorporating the New-York Plate Glass Company.

By Mr. MCHARG—Incorporating the City of Rondout.

By Mr. WOOLSEY—Amending the charter of the Poughkeepsie and New-Paltz Ferry Company.

By Mr. CAMPBELL—Authorizing the opening the streets of West Farms; and also amending the charter of the Colored Home in New-York City, authorizing the holding of a larger amount of property, by a vote of the corporation in 1869.

RECEIPTS OF THE CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER ROAD.

The New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company sent in a statement of the amount received for transportation of freight and passengers over their road.

Mr. FLAGG inquired if this statement was as full as was called for by the House.

Mr. THEAL responded he was informed that it was not.

The statement was referred to the Railroad Committee. It shows that for the year 1870 over the Hudson River Railroad the amount received for tons of freight through freight was 1,041,[illegible]—amount, $[illegible]; way freight, 20,[illegible] tons—amount, $[illegible]; through passengers, 878,[illegible]—amount, $1,[illegible]; way passengers, 2,[illegible]—amount, $1,[illegible]. On the Central Railroad: through freight, [illegible]—amount, $[illegible]; way freight, [illegible]—amount, $[illegible]; through passengers, [illegible]—amount, $[illegible]; way passengers, 3,[illegible]—amount, $2,947,[illegible].

THE DEATH OF MR. JONES.

Mr. ALFORD offered resolutions expressive of regret at the death of the late Hon. D. FLOYD JONES. Adopted.

The Assembly then adjourned.

Poisonous Cheese Analyzed.

A family uptown recently, after partaking of some "fine old cheese" became very sick, with all the symptoms of cholera morbus. Dr. F. H. EMDERMAN, Assistant Chemist to the Board of Health, analyzed the cheese, and discovered it to have been the cause of the poisoning. Poisonous cheese, he says, is generally very acid; but whether the acid formed is the poison, or whether another substance, simultaneously formed, acts as such, we do not know. The symptoms produced by cheese poisoning are as follows: From one to six hours after partaking of it purging and vomiting commence, accompanied with intense pain in the head, symptoms very similar to cholera morbus. The vomited matter possesses a pungent cheesy smell, and with in most of the poison is removed. It therefore becomes its own antidote. An emetic assists in quickly ejecting it from the stomach. After this the sick generally quickly recover without evil consequences.

Alabama State Bonds.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 26, 1871.

Henry Clews & Co., Financial Agents:

The Legislature, today, has passed a law authorizing, after investigation, to pay the interest upon all bonds in the hands of bona fide holders. Say to the creditors of the State, as I have heretofore advised you, that Alabama will be true and faithful to all her just and legal obligations in the future as she has been in the past.

ROBT. LINDSAY, Governor.

Personal.

Judge W. F. Allen, of Albany; F. T. Carrington, of Oswego; Hon. John D. Parry and E. Mier, of St. Paul, and Col. C. H. Tyler, of St. Louis, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Rear-Admiral O. S. Gibson, of the United States Navy; Hon. W. H. Hildreth, of Pennsylvania; R. Barton, of Providence, and Hon. J. C. Smith, of New Jersey, are at the Astor House. Prof. Eastman, of Concord, is

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

The Coal Question—Responsibilities of Corporations.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The public, long familiar with the rascalities of Erie, have a new sensation in the conspiracy of the coal corporation and the coal-carrying roads of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey. No more audacious outrage upon the people has been attempted in this country, and none that reflects such infamy upon its originators. The Erie swindles were confined mainly to the bond and stockholders of that corporation; but this anthracite monster wars upon a million of people, and robs only the poorest of them all. Will it be credited, a short time hence, that a score of capitalists conspired, in the dead of Winter, to stop the supply of fuel to half a dozen large cities, to double and treble the cost of an article vitally necessary for human existence?

But this is what has been done. Owning the mines and roads, they band together, and suddenly stop coal shipments by putting up rates nearly three hundred per cent. And what is the effect in this City alone? Coal that could be had for $7 per ton in November, is now everywhere from $15 to $20. To the poor, who buy by the bushel, the cost today cannot be less than $30 per ton. We need scarcely say that this is a very serious matter. The man who have forced a prime necessity at $40 to such a price, at the time when it must be had, incur an odious responsibility. A gold corner, a whisky ring or an ice monopoly are trifles in comparison with this coal monopoly. The working-classes seldom deal in gold, they are all the better off for lack of whisky, and can get along tolerably without ice. But fuel is another matter; that they must have, and if any set of men conspiring to force unreasonable prices for coal, challenge the condemnation of all good citizens.

But where is the remedy? Of course men who would thus directly rob the poor—for the poorest are to be greatest sufferers—are beyond the reach of any argument. Of no more avail is remonstrance with the Cardiff giant. The ultimate remedy for oppression lies with the people themselves. The readier method would be for the Legislatures having control over the mining and railroad companies conferring upon them reasonable rights and compelling them to grant to these corporations the Railroads have come to be, in some sense, the property of the people. The companies receive valuable privileges from the State, and in return, are bound to afford reasonable accommodations. In some cases the law specifies a maximum rate of freight. Why not a rule of freight? Canal tolls are so regulated in all the States. It now behoves the Legislature of Pennsylvania to strangle this wicked conspiracy, and take measures to prevent a repetition of the outrage. We hear constantly Pennsylvania's interests in the ascendant to be the guide of the legislation of the whole country is molded to suit her interest. But what is the return? These very coal and iron owners who supplicate Congress for "protection" hand together to enhance the profits of their monopoly.

The Price of Coal.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Attracted by the advertisement of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company in the morning's TIMES, I wrote them the inclosed letter, and received the reply indorsed upon it. Isn't this "drawing out at the little end of the horn?" Yours, B.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 25, 1871.

To the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company,
No. 71 Broadway:

Where can coal be obtained on the terms stated in letter to morning papers? B.

Reply: $6 20. This is the only size we are now offering for sale. DEL. & HUDSON.

Railroad Bridges.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I am sorry "M." finds the tone of my communication "circular." Singularly enough, that was precisely the fault I found with his. If, from the shortness of expression necessary in newspaper communications, my remarks concerning his observations seemed offensively abrupt, I beg him to accept my apology.

In reference to what I said of the impossibility of building all railroad bridges "as substantial as those across the Thames," since "M." dislikes the word "impossible," I will withdraw it, and simply state that it would be very difficult to throw an arch of masonry, as substantial as London Bridge, over the span of the present Suspension Bridge at Niagara; and yet it is just in such a locality where, according to the principle of "M.'s" views, such a bridge would be most necessary.

My objection to forcing trains to stop before crossing a bridge is this: any stoppage made merely in compliance with a precautionary rule, and without any other definite object, seems always to admit of a certain amount of discretionary power in those acting under such regulation. In spite of threatened penalties, a conductor catching up lost time would be very apt, on approaching a bridge in broad daylight on a clear track with the "all right" signals showing, to disregard his stoppage. Now, there is nothing more fatal in railroad management than tampering with rules, and therefore there should be none which admit of the slightest license. No matter how pressed a conductor may be for time, he can never run by a station, and this makes the difference between the two kinds of stops. Moreover, I think it will be found that most frequently, as in the case of the New-Hamburg disaster, the bridge is not the cause of the accident which occurs upon it, but merely serves as a aggravating its effects. The New-Hamburg accident would have happened had there been no bridge in the question, only it was much more dreadful in its consequences from happening to take place on the bridge. The accident which occurred yesterday on the Northern Central was rendered fatal from happening on a high embankment, but no one thinks it necessary for that to make trains stop before going on an embankment. If we could make them stop just before reaching the broken rail which is the cause of the accident, I believe, I should much rather see trains stopped before crossing a river than a bridge, for the frog is ten to one more dangerous. As to the watchman recommended by "M." I am with him every time. This is a practical, efficient means of preventing accidents, and one which can be controlled rigorously. I would have a watchman placed at every bridge, trge, tunnel, and other place of danger.

"M." is quite right in stating that Prussia has advanced with gigantic strides in the path of enterprise during the last ten years, but it is not owing to her Government inspectors that she has done so. It is rather owing to the jealousy of that iron grasp which the Continental Governments have hitherto maintained upon private enterprise. ST. ETIENNE.

The Lease of the Consolidated Roads of New-Jersey.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your correspondent, "Mose Anon," in today's issue seeks to convey the impression that the idea of leasing the New-Jersey railroads originated and exists only in the minds of New-York newspaper men. He says: "No one in authority from the Companies has advocated such a measure, or has the Pennsylvania Road, which is extending her connections in every direction westward, concluded to extend eastward or offered a price for the New-Jersey Roads." In reply I beg to offer the following remark made officially by Mr. THOMAS A. SCOTT, the Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Railroad: "There are pending negotiations for the lease of the Camden and Amboy Railroad which we think will prove highly beneficial." Who originated this scheme is a matter of very little import, but it is certain that such a one was meditated by the roads at the time of their consolidation, as in the bill authorizing the consolidation a clause was inserted conceding them such privilege, which clause the opponents of the lease are now endeavoring to have rescinded by legislative enactment.

The motive that actuates the stockholders in seeking the lease is simply a desire for security in permanence of their dividends, which they expect can only be attained by a more economical and enlightened management, for where there are, as now, six different sets of road officers managing the various branches of the consolidated roads, there would in the event of a lease be but one organization. It is alleged that the consolidated roads have always had an immense traffic, still, it is stated, that two years ago the roads did not earn their dividend and could not have paid one had it not been for the profits of the Delaware and Raritan Canal. This fact, of course, occasioned alarm and want of confidence in the management and the desire for the more energetic and able administration of the Pennsylvania Railroad management which has culminated in the negotiations with that road, which negotiations would undoubtedly long ere this, have been carried out had the Pennsylvania Company agreed to an increase of twenty-five per cent. in the stock of the Jersey companies, and to a guarantee of ten per cent. annual dividend thereon, which would of course be equivalent to twelve and one-half per cent. to the present stockholders.

The strong opposition to this measure comes from the officers and employes of the different branches of the consolidation, who number thousands, and who have lived for a generation off the road, and, like all parasites, have improved their own condition, to the detriment of the stockholders. I hope the lease may be consummated. As a Jerseyman, I should be glad to see the State relieved of an incubus which has become wall-nigh intolerable.

A STOCKHOLDER.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 25, 1871.

Long Bresses on the Streets—A Protest from a Lady.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Long have I scanned your interesting columns, hoping to hear from some feminine voice, in regard to the abominable and disgusting fashion of "long dresses on the streets." Every father, brother and husband, in some degree, is interested; therefore it will not be amiss could you find space to insert this in your valuable paper. For quite a period have we enjoyed, and really taken comfort, in our neat, short skirts, moving about with ease and pleasure to ourselves and every one around us, and surely the most fastidious portion of the community appreciated it, for we have been commended and admired by them, and they, with us, will, and do make an outcry against again donning those ugly trails that drag, sweep and clean the dirty sidewalks most effectually, besides being always in every one's way. Every sensible woman shrinks from it, and as I am told, it is only an American fashion, why cannot the women of America be given credit for some sense, and have the courage and boldness to defy such a fashion, and cling to good common sense, especially in such an important matter? Why cannot a few ladies of the best ton show their independence by still adhering to our favorite costume, they would find thousands breathing freely and happily again with the thought that they could wear short dresses, and still be "stylish." I would be glad to see the subject so talked of that a woman would be mortified to be seen on the street with a sweeping dress. A LADY READER.

POLICE TRIALS.

Dismissed in Open Session—Neglect of Duty in Permitting a Burglary—Arraigned for Unseemly Conduct.

The calendar at Police trials, yesterday, was unusually light, and was disposed of by President BOSWORTH. Several of the cases were of general interest, and among them was that of Patrolman JOSEPH MATHIAS, of the Fourth Precinct, who was tried for the attack upon Roundsman MELLEY, all the facts of which have been published. When arraigned, MATHIAS refused to give any evidence in the case, as it might prejudice his case when it came on for trial before the Court of Special Sessions. The other Commissioners being present, MATHIAS was then dismissed from the Department in open session.

Officers KEELING and BRENNAN, of the Second Precinct, were arraigned for neglect of duty in failing to prevent the burglary at the establishment of E. KAHN & CO., opticians, at No. 43 Maiden-lane, when opera-glasses to the amount of $1,500 were stolen, all the facts of which have been published in the TIMES. The evidence showed that it was probable that the thieves made their entrance during the day and there was little testimony to show that the officers had been derelict, but their cases were referred to the Board for further consideration.

Patrolman HENRY BRION, of the Second Precinct, was charged with wrangling with a citizen at 1 o'clock in the morning. The complainant did not appear, and the officer, making his statement, said that, not being on duty, he went with a friend to Fulton Market to get some oysters, when this man came up and wanted to quarrel with him, but that he declined the invitation. Capt. DE CAMP, however, said that he saw the latter part of the affair, and it was so flagrant a breach of the peace to his mind that he arrested both Brion and his antagonist and locked them up for the night, but the next morning he was discharged by Justice DOWLING. Upon this statement the case of Brion was referred to the Board.

Patrolman SELLECK, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct, was arraigned upon the complaint of Capt. BROWN, of the steamer *Ismaliha*, who stated that the officer, being on the ship in charge of prisoners, had used indecent language to the ladies of the party, and when he had been asked to be more orderly, whereupon SELLECK poured out upon him a torrent of abusive and profane epithets. The officer denied the charge and the case was sent to the Board.

CUSTOM-HOUSE AFFAIRS.

More Investigation—The Collector and Assistant Collector Summoned to Washington.

It appears that the Sub committee of the Congressional Joint Committee on Retrenchment have not yet finished their labors, as it was supposed they had when they left the City last Friday night. They had abundant opportunity for the examination of Collector MURPHY on Thursday evening, when he was in attendance at their rooms from 8 until 11 o'clock, but his testimony could not be taken, because the stenographer had been allowed leave of absence for the evening. Again, on Friday, Mr. MURPHY was in attendance from 7½ until nearly 9 o'clock, but had no opportunity to testify, because the Committee were engaged in conversation with Judge HILTON, Mr. LAMONT and others. Yesterday the Collector received the following dispatch summoning him forthwith to Washington:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28, 1871.

Thomas Murphy, Collector of the Port of New-York:

I am ordered by the Congressional Joint Committee on Retrenchment to summon you to appear forthwith as a witness before said Committee at their room in the Capitol. Please telegraph when you will be here.

JOHN G. FRENCH,
Sergeant-at-Arms United States Senate.

Collector MURPHY telegraphed that he would take the train at night and be in Washington this morning. A dispatch of a similar character was sent to Assistant Collector CLINCH. The various clerks declared that it was impossible for him to travel to Washington, he is seventy-four years of age and incapable of traveling such a distance. Besides, in the absence of the Collector, Mr. CLINCH must act, and as Deputy Collector TERWILLIGER is also absent from the City, the Custom-house would be left without any official head if both Mr. MURPHY and Mr. CLINCH should go. The matter was therefore compromised by Mr. MURPHY taking with him Deputy Collector JOHN R. LEDECKER, who can doubtless give the material information of the testimony required of Mr. CLINCH. This is a very busy season at ship to summon to Washington the Collector of the Port. The amount received for Customs last week was over $3,600,000 in gold, and over 1,900 invoices were passed on last Thursday. It is probable that the business of this week will be as great. The Committee will most likely have to return to New-York and institute an investigation into the manner in which appraisements are made. Last week Senator PATTERSON remarked incidentally that he had heard of 65 bills being sent in envelopes to "the poor of New-Jersey," intimating that thereby certain inspectors were bribed to keep their eyes closed while passing goods. It is suggested that the "poor of New-Jersey" are entitled to some attention at the hands of the Committee, for an importer would be very likely to follow up his case in cases of goods after they were passed by the Inspector, and see that they were duly examined at the public store.

Shaky Architecture in Brooklyn.

One of the effects of the heavy fall of rain in Brooklyn on Sunday night was the sapping of the foundations of the walls of three new buildings in course of erection near the corner of Sixth-street and Seventh-avenue. The walls were about half completed, and being destitute of any extra support, on their foundation being inundated they fell with a tremendous crash. The catastrophe took place about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. The owner, Mr. A. C. LEGUERE, estimates the damage at $7,000.

Strangers' Rest.

An institution named the Strangers' Rest has been established at No. 570 Pearl-street, under the patronage of the City Mission. Its objects are to assist young men who are out of employment with limited means, with temporary rest and cheap meals, with washing, lodging and writing material free. Attached is a reading-room, well supplied with books, papers and magazines. It is under the charge of Mr. J. L. BURDICK, City Missionary, and Mr. BATES, Superintendent.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The attendance at the Exchange, yesterday, (Feb. 27,) was large, and business for the week opens with a bright look. The sales effected during the day were as follows, and the greater portion of the property disposed of brought good prices:

JAMES M. MILLER, at public auction, effected the following sales: Premises known as No. 247 Bleecker-street, south-east corner of West Tenth-street, sold to M. J. DIXON for $12,625; the lot is 25.3 by about 40 feet, and upon it is a two-story and attic brick store, rentin; for $750 per year. Premises No. 350 Bleecker-street, north-west corner West Tenth-street, sold to GEO. GRAHAM for $12,850; the property embraces a lot, 26.11 by 26.6, and a four-story frame store and dwelling, renting at the rate of $1,100 per annum. Premises No. 251 West Tenth-street, north side, in rear of last-named property, lot 20.1 by about 25, together with a four-story, basement and attic brick dwelling, renting for $1,200 yearly, sold to Joseph HOSKIN for $6,350. All the above figures are more than fair.

ROBERTS & MCGUIRE, by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of DANIEL P. INGRAHAM, Jr., Esq., referee, disposed of a four-story brick tenement-house with store, and lot 18.4 by 57.3, located on the north side of East Thirty-fifth-street, between First and Second avenues. The property was purchased by HOPSIE JUDD for $11,300. The same firm, at another foreclosure sale, under the direction of JAMES H. COLEMAN, Esq., referee, sold a five-story brick tenement-house and lot situated on the north side of Fourteenth-street, between Avenues B and C, for $12,000; buyer, FERDINAND HEYMAN. Three legal sales, CHARLES MATHAN, Esq., referee in each case, were subsequently adjourned by Col. ROBERTS, as follows: Partition sale of premises Nos. 576 and 578½ Grand-street, corner Goerck-street, three-story brick house and lot, 36 by 75, adjourned until Monday next, March 6; foreclosure sale of two-story brick house and lot west side of First-avenue, lot 25 feet 9 inches north of Twenty-fifth-street, 25 by 75, adjourned until March 13; foreclosure sale of four-story brown-stone house and lot south side of Nineteenth-street, 120 feet east of Ninth-avenue, lot 20 by 60, adjourned until March 20.

The only other sales announced to take place yesterday were those advertised by MULLER, WILKINS & CO., and fully described in this column yesterday, comprising a plot of ground 25 by 92, with the buildings thereon, located on the north side of Avenue A and One Hundred and Fourteenth-street, and Pines Nos. 32 and 34 (one-half) East River, with bulkhead between. None of the property was sold, although a portion of the first named was street offer for $17,000, and the piers for $70,000 to S. B. WELDEN. Both parcels were bought in for the present owners, Messrs. ROBERTS & TUTHILL. No further business was transacted.

On Saturday last, at Mott Haven, Westchester County, at a legal sale under the direction of D. P. INGRAHAM, Jr., Esq., referee, JAMES M. MILLER disposed of the following property in the town named at the price annexed: Two-story frame house and lot, south side of Gouverneur-street, between Cortlandt-avenue and the Boston road. Lot 25 by 115.5; house 22 by 30. Sold to MICHAEL BOUILLON for $2,110 cash.

Today at the Exchange promises to be one full of interest, as the transactions proposed are numerous and embrace some of the most valuable and desirable. Sales are to be made by nine different auctioneers. Full details in regard to the property to be offered were published yesterday; a recapitulation, therefore, today, is rendered unnecessary.

Exchange Sales, Monday, Feb. 27, 1871.

NEW-YORK.

By James M. Miller.

2-story and attic brick building and lot, No. 247 Bleecker-st., s. s. corner West 10th-st., lot 25.3 x 39.11x25.6 ..... $12,625
4-story frame building and lot, No. 350 Bleecker-st., n. w. corner West 10th-st., lot 26.11x39.6 12,850
2-story brick building and lot, No. 251 West 10th-st., n. s., No. 117 West 10th-st., 20.6 w. fr. of Bleecker-st., lot 20.1x20 6,350

By Roberts & McGuire.

4-story brick tenement-house and lot, n. s. East 35th-st., 18.4 ft. w. of 1st-av., lot 18.4x57.7 ..... $11,300
2-story brick house and lot, s. s. Gouverneur-st., 300 ft. e. of Cortlandt-av., lot 25x115.5, house 22x30, cash $2,110

Suburban Sales, Saturday, Feb. 25, 1871.

MOTT HAVEN, WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

By James M. Miller.

2-story frame house and lot s. s. Gouverneur-st., 300 ft. e. of Cortlandt-av., lot 25x115.5, house 22x30, cash $2,110

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A LARGE BROADWAY PROPERTY FOR SALE NEAR A. T. STEWART'S UPTOWN STORE.—To capitalists or business men, the large property, No. 747 Broadway, about 26 by 150 feet, running back to Wooster-st., now let on a term of years to first-class tenants, for about $18,000 per annum. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.; or, FRANK & DAVIDSON BROWN, No. 160 Broadway.

MESSRS. FRANK G. & DAVISON BROWN, No. 160 Broadway, having increasing demand for all kinds of business properties, every, respectfully solicit the patronage of real estate owners who desire to sell, lease or rent. Particular attention paid to the disposition of property placed exclusively in their hands.

A FIRST-CLASS THREE-STORY BROWN-stone house on Lexington-av., near 53d-st.; hard wood finish; will be sold for $22,000.
JOHN S. PIERCE,
No. 160 Broadway, corner Pine-st.

A DESIRABLE CORNER, MEDIUM-sized four-story high-stoop brown-stone Murray Hill residence for sale, furnished; bay window, &c.; west side of Park-av.
V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—THE ELEGANT FULL-SIZE brown-stone house on 46th-st., between Madison and 5th ave.; also full-size brown-stone house on 23d-st.; near 4th-av. SAMUEL EDDY, office Brooklyn Insurance Company, No. 191 Broadway.

FOR SALE—WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION, four-story Dorchester brown-stone house, north-west corner of 54th-st. and Madison-av., corner included, 24x55; all trimmed in hard wood. Inquire of the owner on the premises, J. C. SABRES.

THE UNDERSIGNED IS PREPARED, as a broker, to give his personal attention to selling such property as may be entrusted to him, at sales at Exchange Sales-room; also, sales of furniture at residences. A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

FOR SALE AT A GREAT BARGAIN a first-class 3-story brick house, 20x50; feet and extension, situated in West 14th-st., near 8th-av.; household, seven years old and upwards. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

A—WARD & OGDEN'S EXTENSIVE auction list is ready for sale or exchange, at public sale, now ready on application or by mail. Broadway, corner 17th-st.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—THE SPLENdid brown-stone house, 36x55, with brick stable, and lot 100 handsomely laid out, on the 4th-st. west of 6th-av. Inquire of P. O'SHEA, 27 Barclay-st.

FOR SALE—FOUR-STORY HIGH-STOOP brown-stone house, 22x52x100.5, in 42d-st., between 6th-av. and Broadway. Apply to J. ROMAINE BROWN, No. 1,270 Broadway.

FOR SALE—THE ELEGANT THREE-story brown-stone high-stoop house, No. 216 East 45th-st. Inquire of P. O'SHEA, No. 27 Barclay-st.

FOR SALE—A TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE, 12 feet front, 40 feet deep, 20 feet front, 40 feet deep, valuable for business purposes. Apply to HUGH N. CAMP, No. 31 Pine-st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE IN BROOKLYN—A NICE two-story brick house, with extra ground front; house entire trimming, also outer sash; all conveniences, and in prime order; lot 107 by 18 feet; yard well stocked with vines; ten minutes' walk from Fulton-ferry; price, $4,000; $1,000 cash; $2,000; terms favorable; possession given early if desired. Apply to HUGH N. CAMP, No. 31 Pine-st.

SPLENDID MANUFACTURING Brooklyn property for sale, near ferry; plot to suit; substantial buildings; favorable terms.
JOHNSON & MILLER, No. 76 Nassau-st.

FOR SALE ON BROOKLYN HEIGHTS—A large first-class three-story house on Willow-st., in complete order. Apply to TAYLOR & STEARNES, No. 114 Pine-st., New-York.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

THE RESIDENCE AND GROUNDS OF DANIEL SHINKERHOFF, ESQ., FOR SALE.—On Manhasset Bay, northshore Long Island, furnished or unfurnished, for a term of years, for Spring and Summer residence; if not sold will be let. Apply for particulars to B. MYERS, No. 16 Beekman-st.

A COUNTRY HOME.—FLUSHING, twenty minutes from 34th-st.; modern house; all the conveniences; green-house, stable and cow-building; fruits daily; capital surrounding; parlor, library, dining-room, seven bedrooms, bath-room, furnace, &c.; spacious grounds; terms liberal.
JAMES B. PARSONS, No. 34 Pine-st.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, lands and village lots for sale; a great variety, beautifully situated, 45 minutes to 1 hour from N. Y. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 243 Broadway, 9 to 11; or Orange, corner Main and Cone sts.

AT RUTHERFORD PARK—THE MOST successful and accessible suburb of New-York, forty minutes from City Hall; high ground, commanding fine views, desirable building sites, near station.
J. FISHER SATTERTHWAITE, No. 10 Pine-st.

AT MORRISTOWN, N. J.—FOR SALE, a handsome special stone lot, located in the best manner, nearly by the depot, with carriage-house and stable to match; price, $12,000; $6,000 on mortgage.
J. SMITH DODGE, No. 39 West 20th-st.

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FOR SALE AT ENGLEWOOD, N. J.—A Gothic stone cottage, with two and a half acres of land in good order, with plenty of fruit and shade trees; gas in the house, and contains seven rooms; barn with ample room for carriage, stable and room for coachman; distance, three-quarters of a mile from station. For terms and further information apply at No. 96 Cedar-st., New-York.

$6,750.—ORANGE, N. J., NEAR depot, house newly built, eight rooms, philadelphia grates, furnace, range, good water, good neighborhood. Apply on premises, HAMILTON & WALLIS, No. 9 Nassau-st., corner of Pine; or W. H. WILEY, opposite principal depot, Orange.

HOUSE AND LOTS FOR SALE CHEAP, forty minutes from City Hall, on Jersey Heights, Newark City; price, cash and business; furniture for sale. Apply to GEORGE W. WAYRE, No. 40 Park-row, Room No. 5.

YONKERS.—HOUSES OF ALL SIZES AND descriptions for sale or rent; if you want a house cheap, apply to J. YOUMANS, Agent, at Yonkers.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET—AT DARIEN, CONN., ONE AND A half miles from Stamford, the large and beautiful house recently rented and used as a residence for the late Nathaniel Weed. The grounds leading from the main road to the waters of the Sound (affording facilities for fishing and bathing) are stocked with pear, apple and cherry trees, and small fruits in abundance. The evergreens and hedges are equal to any in the State. The house, about fifty feet square with two wings, contains over twenty apartments, besides the basement floor. On the premises are stable, gardener, poultry, ice, boat and summer house. A part of the furniture might, if desired, remain in the house. Possession given when required. For terms apply on the premises.

TO LET—TO A PRIVATE FAMILY, FOR about two years, or half a term, from the 1st of May next, a first-class high-stoop four-story front dwelling in West 45th-st., near 6th-av. This house is fully and elegantly furnished, and has many pictures and works of art, collected and bought from remote countries, all of which will be left in the house, and no part of the furniture removed or set aside, save a few cabinets, and silver and linen. Large dining-room, billiard-room, steam heating apparatus, very perfect; a room in the attic, and a wine-room in the sub-cellar will be reserved. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

A—HEAD-QUARTERS FOR FURNISHED and unfurnished houses to let, on Madison-av., Irving-place, 14th, 18th, 21st, 23d sts., and other respectable situations.
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AN ELEGANT FURNISHED HOUSE to let or lease on Madison-av., between 23d and 24d sts., for two or three years, to a small private family only. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

TO LET—FROM MAY 1, ELEGANT FOUR-story brown-stone house, No. 245 West 38th-st.; rent $2,800; and No. 324 West 23d-st., $1,800; in perfect order. Apply to ROBERT USHER, Jr., No. 323 West 34th-st.

BROOKLYN.—TO LET OR FOR SALE—One or more of a row of brown-stone dwellings, on Clinton-st., between State and Livingston sts., $1,200 to $1,300. For sale, a store lot, in rear of Nos. 243 and 245 Clinton-st. Apply at No. 247 Clinton-st.

HOUSE TO RENT.—THE THREE-STORY high-stoop house, No. 22 Mansfield-place, (No. 344 West 21st-st.) Address Box No. 174 New-York Post-office.

TO LET—AT ASTORIA, ON THE TERRACE, near the landing, a fine double house, suitable for a private family or a genteel boarding-house. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 1 Pine-st.

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TO LEASE—THE STORE NO. 306 BROADway, next to Grace Church, 22x100, with or without basement; also the large show-rooms, 50x75, on first floor, connected with the store, if desired, by a bridge across the rear yard (entrance on Church-st.). Parties desiring large space, well lighted, in a most prominent location, at a moderate rent, will do well to examine. Inquire on the premises, or of C. E. POTTER, No. 308 Broadway.

TO LET—THE UPPER PART OF THE NEW-York County Bank Building, corner 8th-st. and 4th-av., with suites of offices in second and third floors, suitable for a business college, school or business purposes. Apply to D. & A. KINGSLAND & SUTTON, No. 85 Broad-st.

STORES TO LET—NO. 18 MAIDEN-lane, corner Gold; 100 feet in rear, 100 feet in Nassau, and 8 Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, 30 feet front on East River, together $1,200. Apply to W. A. CLARK, No. 170 William-st.

A—BROADWAY, CORNER MURRAY-ST., adjoining Importers and Traders' National Bank, entire floor (35x100) to lease; light, air, steam heat, short easy stairs; location unexceptionable. Apply to V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

TO LET OR LEASE—THE STORE, BASEment and floors of new building No. 343 6th-av., 22x90; first-class finish, with all the modern improvements; will be let in whole or in separate, or to R. P. REBELLIEN, No. 135 Laurens-st.

TO LET—MODERATE RENTS, STORES, lofts, and basements Nos. 45, 47, 49, and 51 Liberty-st., near Broadway. Apply on the premises, or to A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

STORE AND LOFTS TO LET—JOHN-st., between Cliff and Gold, sub.—First-class building; four stories; 27 feet wide by 104 feet deep. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

TO LET—SECOND FLOOR OF NO. 8 BEEKman-st., with or without power. Inquire on the premises of TATHAM & BROTHERS.

LOFT TO LET IN WHITE MARBLE building, No. 76 John-st. Inquire in the store.

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

HUGH N. CAMP, NO. 31 PINE-ST.: Wants to purchase a good-sized dwelling, between City Hall and 14th-st.; a first-class house, between 23d and 42d sts., 4th and 8th avs.; a store, in or near Wall-st., below Pearl; a house, between 15th and 20th sts., near 4th-av. Apply to HUGH N. CAMP, No. 31 Pine-st.

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REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE REPROPERTY ON EAST BROADWAY, DIVISION, PEARL AND WEST 24TH STS.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, March 1, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the executor of the estate of W. H. Falk, deceased:

EAST BROADWAY AND DIVISION STREETS—The three-story brick house Nos. 202 and 204 East Broadway, and the brick stores and dwellings Nos. 191, 191½ and 193 Division-st., together with the lease of the lots.

PEARL-STREET—The two-story brick store and lot situate on the easterly side of Pearl-st., opposite William-st., and known as No. 448 Pearl-st. Lot 25 feet front and rear, by about 100 feet in depth.

WEST TWENTY-FOURTH-STREET—The four-story brown-stone high-stoop dwelling and lot on the north side of 24th-st., near Broadway, and known as No. 7 West 24th-st. Lot 24x96.9; house 24x58; two bath-rooms and all conveniences. Possession with deed. Can be seen from 11 till 1 P. M., by permit from the auctioneers.

Maps, &c., at the auctioneers' office, No. 7 Pine-st.

W. B. ROBERT, Auctioneer.

W. E. ROBERT—SHERIFF'S SALE.—ROBERT & MCGUIRE, Auctioneers, will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Feb. 23, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of Matthew T. Brennan, Esq., sheriff, the three lots of land on the west side of 1st-av., fronting 22 feet north of 51st-st. A. LEVINGER, Pltf's Atty. Maps at the auctioneers', No. 37 Cedar-st.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

MOSES WILKINS, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY ON UNIVERSITY-PLACE, 8TH AND 9TH STS.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, March 1, 1871, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Wm. W. Chester, deceased:

Premises known as Nos. 111 University-place. The lease of the lot, with the three-story, side and rear extension, high-stoop brick dwelling, No. 19 University-place, corner of Ninth-st. House 24 feet 10 inches front, 100 feet deep. Also the lease of the lot, with the three-story, side and rear extension, high-stoop brick dwelling, Nos. 11 and 13 University-place, corner of 8th-st. House covers nearly the entire lot, being 50 feet front, 50.2 feet rear, by 94.3 feet on University-place. The leases are from the trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, have five years to run from the 1st of May, 1871; at the expiration of the term, the buildings are to be paid for or new leases given. Subject to the usual covenants and restrictions as contained in Sailors' Snug Harbor leases. Annual ground rent No. 19 University-place, $800; annual ground rent Nos. 11 and 13 University-place, $1,000, payable half-yearly.

50 shares Commonwealth Fire Insurance Company, par $50.
200 shares Hudson River Copper Company, par $5.
1 share Manhattan Brass Company.

MOSES WILKINS, Auctioneer.

VERY DESIRABLE HOUSE AND LOT, NO. 23 ST. MARK'S-PLACE, NEAR 3D-AV.—AUCTION SALE BY TRUSTEES.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Feb. 28, 1871, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

ST. MARK'S-PLACE, (5th-st.,) south side, east end of 3d-av.; house contains gas, water in third floor, in fair order; house 22 feet front, 50 feet deep; lot 22 feet 10 inches front, 100 feet deep. Possession May 1, 1871; $10,000 may remain on bond and mortgage. For permits and maps apply to the auctioneers, No. 3 Pine-st.

JAMES M. MILLER—Office, No. 38 Pine-st.

ON TUESDAY, FEB. 28, AT 12 O'CLOCK, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order and under the direction of the executors of THOMAS J. RINCK, deceased:

Nos. 408 and 410 Hudson-st., the two four-story brick house with stores on first floor.

Two lots of land west side 7th-av., between 57th and 58th sts.

Three

SHIPPING.

INMAN LINE FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF PARIS ..... Saturday, Mar. 4, 5 P. M.
CITY OF BALTIMORE, (via Halifax.) ..... Tuesday, March 7, 1 P. M.
CITY OF LONDON ..... Saturday, Mar. 11, 9 A. M.
CITY OF BRUSSELS ..... Saturday, Mar. 18, 5 P. M.
And will succeeding SATURDAY and alternate THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
PAYABLE IN GOLD. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabin, $80 | Steerage $30
To London ..... 85 | To London 35
To Paris, P. M. ..... 100 | To Paris 60
Passengers also forwarded to Antwerp, Brussels, Hamburg, Norway and Denmark, at reduced rates.
Tickets can be bought here at lowest rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
For further information, apply at the Company's Office.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

THE ANCHOR LINE OF STEAMERS sail every SATURDAY and alternate WEDNESDAY from and from Glasgow and Londonderry, calling at Moville to and from Glasgow, and touching at Queenstown to and from Liverpool, from the docks in Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, Northern or Dominion ports, to Boston, as easily, cheaply, comfortably and cheaply as by any other route at this port.
"MIDDLESEX" STEAMERS.
Anchoria ..... Sat. Mar. 11 | Columbia ..... Sat. Mar. 25
Europa ..... Sat. Mar. 18 | Cambria ..... Sat. Apr. 1
Europa ..... Sat. Mar. 18 | Anchoria ..... Sat. April 8
and an EXTRA STEAMER every other WEDNESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River, New-York.
RATES OF PASSAGE, PAYABLE IN CURRENCY, TO LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, OR DERRY:
First Cabin, $80 and $75, according to location.
Cabin excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $130.
Intermediate, $50 | Steerage, $30.
Certificates, at REDUCED RATES, can be bought here by persons wishing to send for their friends.
Drafts issued, payable on presentation.
Apply at the Company's offices to
HENDERSON BROTHERS, No. 7 Bowling-green.

FOR LIVERPOOL,
(VIA QUEENSTOWN,)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.
THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their Steamships full-power iron screw steamships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY, as follows:
WISCONSIN, Capt. WILLIAMS ..... Mar. 1, at 10 A. M.
NEBRASKA, Capt. GUARD ..... March 8, at 2 P. M.
WYOMING, Capt. WHITNEY ..... March 15, at 7 A. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. LEITCH ..... March 22, at 1 P. M.
IDAHO, Capt. PRICE ..... March 29, at 7 P. M.
NEVADA, Capt. GRAY ..... March 30, at 11 A. M.
COLORADO, Capt. F. M. WHITMAN, April 5, at 3 P. M.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 65 Wall-st.

CUNARD LINE.
THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
Cuba, Wednesday, Mar. 1 | Alpine, Thursday, Mar. 23
Russia, Wednesday, Mar. 8 | Scotia, Wednesday, Apr. 5
Olympus, Wednesday, Mar. 15 | Russia, Wednesday, Apr. 12
Palestine, Thursday, Mar. 16 | Asia, Wednesday, Apr. 19
Cuba, Wednesday, Mar. 22 | Olympus, Wednesday, Apr. 26
RATES OF PASSAGE.
By the Wednesday Steamers, Gold. By the Thursday Steamers.
First Cabin, $120, gold. Second Cabin, $80, gold.
First Cabin to Paris ..... $145, gold.
By the Wednesday Steamers, Currency.
First Cabin, $80, gold. Steerage, $30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown to all points of Europe at lowest rates.
Through bills of lading given for cattle to Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent.
For freight and cabin passage, apply at the Company's office, 4 Bowling-green.
For steerage passage at No. 128 Broadway, Trinity Building.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

NATIONAL LINE.
STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN, From Pier No. 47 North River.
HELVETIA, Capt. Sutton, Saturday, March 4, at 2 P. M.
DENMARK, Atkinson, Sunday, Mar. 12, at 4 P. M.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $75 and $80; steerage, $30, currency.
Prepay passage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry and Glasgow, $32 currency.
For further particulars apply to the Company's Pier, No. 45 Broadway.
P. W. J. HURST, Manager.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
PEREIRE, DAUBE ..... WEDNESDAY, March 1
ST. LAURENT, BOURAN ..... SATURDAY, March 25
ROUTE—The Pier (foot of 48th Street) for Rendezvous.
For freight or passage apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 52 Broadway.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Cabin, $125 to $170. Steerage, $60, including the location of berth.
These rates include berths, board and all attendance for the trip.
Shippers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 10 o'clock, as follows:
ON 4TH AND 20TH OF EACH MONTH, except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. No allowance for children.
MARCH 4, OCEAN QUEEN, Capt. A. G. JONES, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. CAVARLY.
Departure of this steamer which will touch at San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, and Panama.
Steamer JAPAN will leave San Francisco April 1, 1871, for China and Japan.
All freight for this steamer will be taken and be received until 4 P. M. Friday, March 3.
Freight for Central American and South Pacific ports will be received until 3 P. M. on Thursday, March 2, only. All the usual facilities afforded shippers in California Inland Coastwise, &c.
For freight or passage tickets, and all further information, apply at the office, Pier No. 42 North River.
F. B. BABY, Agent.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.
CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.
FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK,
THURSDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
THE STEAM-SHIPS
VIRGO, Capt. BURNETT ..... TUESDAY, Feb. 28,
from Pier No. 13 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
No. 41 and 43 South-st.

HERMAN, LIVINGSTON, Capt. CHESEMAN, THURSDAY, March 2, from Pier No. 38 North River, at 3 P. M. LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, No. 48 Liberty-st.

SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, March 4, from Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. CARMICHAEL, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

MONTGOMERY, Capt. FAIRCLOTH, SATURDAY, March 4, from Pier No. 15 North River, at 3 P. M.
E. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 32 Wall-st.

Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT. Superior accommodations for passengers.
Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Freight line.
Through rates and bills of lading in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.
C. D. OWENS, Agent A. G. R. R., No. 230 Broadway.
GEORGE YONGE, Agent S. F. & G. R. R., No. 429 Broadway.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
Old line, low freight.
The well-known first-class iron-wheel steam-ship
RAPIDAN,
R. WHITEHURST, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 38 North River, on SATURDAY, March 4, at 3 P. M., for Mobile, Galveston, Indianola, Lavacca, Indianola, and all points on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, to be reshipped at New-Orleans.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 48 Liberty-st.
Steam-ship LODORA will follow 10th, from Pier No. 20 East River, on SATURDAY, March 11.
C. H. MALLORY & CO.,
No. 128 Maiden-lane.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, sails every Saturday, over THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., promptly, from Pier No. 4 North River.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. H. ADAMS ..... March 4
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICK, (via Nassau) March 8
HENGIST, Capt. J. B. CAMPBELL ..... March 14
For freight or passage, apply to
A. W. SIMCOX, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line.
SAILING EVERY THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
CITY OF MERIDA, Dickens ..... Thursday, March 9
CLEOPATRA Philips, (for freight) Saturday, Mar. 18
CITY OF MEXICO, Thornton, Wednesday, Mar. 22
VIRGINIA, Phillips, (for freight), Saturday, April 8
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 52 Broadway.

DELAWARE AND NEW-YORK S. B. CO.
Pier No. 21 N. R. ..... The Steamer Pelican will leave for Lewes, Del., every Tuesday, at 3 P. M., taking freight for all points on the Junction and Breakwater and Delaware Railroads. Returning, leave Lewes every Saturday at 4 P. M., or on arrival of the train. For freights and passage apply at office on pier.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
Consignees of cargo ex bark ROSINA, from Rotterdam, being stranded near Meridian, Long Island, are hereby notified that said cargo (excepting a few casks not yet landed) will be sold at public sale at Rockaway Hotel, Rockaway, Queens county, on Friday, March 3, at 12 M., unless previously claimed and satisfactory evidence of ownership produced to the undersigned, or an earlier date if perishable.
LAWSON & WALKER, Adjusters,
No. 52 Wall-st.
For Agents of bark Rosina.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.
Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one; their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from the annoyance of cares and troubles respecting trains, examination and conveyance of luggage; in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and in infinite of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 4 Rue du Tiger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

SHIPPING.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND HAVANA.
UNITED STATES AND HAVANA STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMSHIPS sailing on the 20th of every month.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. G. B. SLOCUM ..... March 20
HERMANN, Capt. WILS ..... April 20
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. ADAMS ..... May 20
Passengers booked and freight received for all ports in the West Indies, Central and South America, and the Gulf of Mexico, Vera Cruz, Tampico and Havana.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
WM. P. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 1 Bowling-green, New-York.

SAN DOMINGO LINE.
For Puerto Plata, Santiago and San Domingo City, The United States Mail Steamship
TYBEE,
Capt. S. A. DELANOY,
will leave Pier No. 4 North River, for the above ports on SATURDAY, March 4, at 12 o'clock P. M.
For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD BROTHERS & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
Atlantic Mail Steamship Company's steamer MISSOURI, Capt. G. W. PALMER, will sail Feb. 18, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
J. W. DIMOCK, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—United States Passports, Immigrant Certificates, issued by J. F. NONES, Passport Agent, No. 55 Broadway.

FINANCIAL.

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.,
No. 27 Pine-st.,
offer the sale the Seven per cent. First Mortgage Bonds of the GRAND RAPIDS AND INDIANA RAILROAD COMPANY, principal and interest payable in Gold, free of Government tax; interest, coupon or registered, payable in January and July, in New-York. These Bonds are secured by a first mortgage on the road, and by a Mortgage on a LAND GRANT of ELEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND ACRES of the best Lumber Lands of Michigan. These lands are worth more than the amount of the bonds. The bonds are further secured by a guarantee of the principal and interest by the PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, AND THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO.
The road extends northerly from Fort Wayne into Michigan. More than 200 miles are completed and in operation.
Large numbers of these bonds have been taken by careful investors, and the most rigid investigation is invited.
Price 90 1-2 per cent. and accrued interest to currency.

DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO.,
NO. 18 WALL-ST.,
OFFER FOR SALE
Houston and Texas Central Railway Company
FIRST MORTGAGE LAND GRANT SINKING FUND
7 Per Cent. Gold Bonds.
Secured by a First Mortgage upon 6,400 acres per mile, and upon the whole and entire line of road, its franchises and property of every description.
RECEIPTS IN GOLD COIN.

Operating 141 Miles. 1869.	Operating 195 Miles. 1870.
$1,047,837 65.	$1,538,430 00

The receipts for January, 1871, were $212,000, gold. The net earnings for the year 1870 were more than sufficient to pay the interest upon $6,000,000, or over three times the interest on these Bonds.
The affairs of this Company have been examined by many capitalists, who have invested largely in the Bonds, and we are confident that a careful scrutiny will prove this to be one of the best and safest security now offered in this market.
FOR SALE AT 90 AND ACCRUED INTEREST,
BY
DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO.,
No. 18 Wall-st.

VERMILYE & CO.
BANKERS,
16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.
DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.
BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION
RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.
MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING HOUSE
OF HERLAZ, ABT & CO.,
NO. 121 REGENT-ST., W.
LONDON.

GRAND RAPIDS AND INDIANA RAILROAD
FIRST MORTGAGE LAND-GRANT BONDS,
issued to Lehiona Chapman, H. V. Post, James M. Edwards, Trustees, dated July 1, 1861. The highest market price will be paid for the above by
WILLIAM A. GUEST,
No. 25 Wall-st.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.
NO. 59 WALL-ST.
issue COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

8 PER CENT. INTEREST
FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS
Of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, for sale by the undersigned.
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD.
Mortgage at the rate of $12,000 per mile. Road completed and open to the public. Price 87½ and accrued interest. We unhesitatingly recommend them, and will furnish maps, circulars, &c., on application.
W. P. CONVERSE & CO., No. 17 Pine-st.
TANNER & CO., No. 11 Wall-st.

UNION SQUARE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, No. 32 UNION-SQUARE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 24, 1871.
AT AN ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, held on the 14th inst., the following named gentlemen were unanimously elected for the ensuing year:
HENRY BECKMAN, JOHN A. ORCUTT,
JAS. S. WHITING, J. A. MONTGOMERY,
T. B. READ, G. L. BECKMAN,
SAMUEL SHETHAR, GRANT NATHAN,
F. M. BIXBY, THEODORE MOSS,
J. A. MILLER, R. H. BIXBY,
T. A. BANCKER.
At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, HENRY BECKMAN, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.
M. T. BRUNDAGE, Cashier.

PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, PITTSBURG, PENN., Feb. 25, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of directors, and such other business as may come before it, will be held at the office of said Company, in the City of Pittsburg, on the 23rd WEDNESDAY (15th) of March, A. D. 1871, at 10 A. M.
The stock and bond transfer books of the Company at their office in the City of Pittsburg, and at the transfer agency in the City of New-York, will be closed on the first inst. at 3 P. M., and remain closed until the 16th day of March thereafter.
F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY.
CLEVELAND, OHIO, Feb. 8, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the above Company, for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may be duly brought before the meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, March 1, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M.
The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Feb. 16 until March 2, 1871.
GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Boston, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th March, 1871, at 10 o'clock A. M., to elect officers for the ensuing year. The transfer books will be closed in Boston, and at the transfer office in New-York, on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M.
OLIVER AMES, President.
BOSTON, Feb. 4, 1871.

CHICAGO MORTGAGES, PAYING 10 per cent. per cent. strictly prime, for sale by JACOB B. SHIPHERD & CO., Bankers, No. 34 Pine-st.

FINANCIAL.

Montclair Railway
NEW-JERSEY
7 PER CENT.
GOLD
1ST MORTGAGE
BONDS,
INDORSED BY THE
NEW-YORK AND OSWEGO
Midland Railroad Co.,
FOR SALE IN
DENOMINATIONS
OF
$1,000, $500 AND $100,
COUPON AND REGISTERED.
SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF THE EIGHT OF WAY PAID FOR.
ONE-HALF THE DISTANCE FROM JERSEY CITY TO GREENWOOD LAKE GRADED, READY FOR THE IRON.
THE IRON BOUGHT, AND 25 MILES OF ROAD TO BE RUNNING BY MIDSUMMER.
TWO-THIRDS OF THE COST PROVIDED FOR BY SUBSCRIPTION.
ONE-THIRD ONLY REQUIRED FROM AVAILS OF FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS.
SEND FOR CIRCULAR AND MAP.
LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,
NO. 10 WALL-ST.,
AND
THE MONTCLAIR RAILWAY CO.,
NO. 25 NASSAU-ST.

TURNER BROTHERS,
J. C. TURNER, T. C. TURNER, J. TURNER, H. TURNER. } BANKERS, { A. TURNER, G. M. TURNER, J. S. DECKER.
No. 14 Nassau-st., N. Y.,
(Corner Pine-st., opposite United States Treasury.)
The Accounts of Banks, Bankers, Merchants, and others, are solicited.
Interest allowed on Deposits. Certificates of Deposit issued, available at all business centres.
Collections made on all points. Governments, Stocks, Bonds, Gold, &c., Bought and Sold on Commission. Liberal Advances made on Approved Securities.

UNITED STATES TREASURY.
NEW-YORK, Feb. —, 1871.
During the month of March, 1871, I shall, by order, receive bids for Gold, and offers of Bonds, as follows:
BIDS FOR GOLD.
THURSDAY, March 2—One Million.
THURSDAY, March 9—Two Millions.
THURSDAY, March 16—One Million.
THURSDAY, March 23—Two Millions.
THURSDAY, March 30—One Million.
OFFERS OF BONDS.
WEDNESDAY, March 1—Two Millions.
WEDNESDAY, March 8—Two Millions.
WEDNESDAY, March 15—Two Millions.
WEDNESDAY, March 22—Two Millions.
WEDNESDAY, March 29—Two Millions.
They will be in accordance with regulations heretofore observed. A certified check of Five per Cent. of bid or offer, must be deposited therewith.
Proposals will be opened at 12 o'clock, noon, each day specified. The Treasury may, at its option, accept offers of Bonds or bids for Gold in excess of the amount advertised for.
A circular and further particulars can be had at this office.
THOS. HILLHOUSE,
Assistant Treasurer, United States.

O. B. WOOD,
NO. 23 NASSAU-ST.,
HAS FOR SALE
First Mortgage Land Grant Railroad Bonds,
PAYING 7 1-2 TO 10 PER CENT. INTEREST.
ALSO,
MUNICIPAL AND TOWN BONDS.

WELLS FARGO AND CO.,
BANKERS,
PARIS, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, PANAMA,
NO. 61 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.
BANKERS AND EXPRESS FORWARDERS to all points of the WORLD. Drafts issued. Credits for travelers, exchange and telegraphic transfers available everywhere.
Freight and packages to any portion of EUROPE at low rates.
Special facilities for shipment of GOODS IN BOND, overland or by steamer, to the Western States and Territories, MEXICO, SANDWICH ISLANDS, CHINA, JAPAN AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

WE OFFER FOR SALE
EVANSVILLE, HENDERSON AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS, dated in 1867, interest payable on the first days of January and July at the BANK OF AMERICA, New-York.
This Road extends from Henderson, on the Ohio River, to Nashville, Tenn., a distance of 185 miles, passing through the rich coal-fields and tobacco section of Western Kentucky, and forming important connections with Chicago, Nashville, the Southern States.
The Road is now completed and opened for through business at a cost of $3,000,000. The net earnings are quite large, and there is no reasonable doubt that the Road will be a valuable and important component of the Road will make it abundantly remunerative to the stockholders.
The first and only mortgage of all the property and franchises of the Company, is for ONE MILLION DOLLARS, (or $16,000 per mile,) payable as above.
Nearly all of the bonds have been already negotiated, and the remainder will be sold for the present at a price which will yield a much higher rate than consists a very desirable investment.
Further information will be furnished on application to
WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH & CO.,
No. 40 Wall-st.

OFFICE OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NO. 31 WALKER-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 27, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Manufacturing Company for the election of seven Trustees, and for such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 31 Walker-st., in the City of New-York, on TUESDAY, March 14, 1871, at 1 o'clock P. M.
By order,
ASHER T. METES,
Secretary.

STUYVESANT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Nos. 125 BOWERY AND 208 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 28, 1871.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual election for twenty-five Directors and three Inspectors of Elections will be held at the office of the Company, No. 125 Bowery, on THURSDAY, the 9th day of March, 1871, between the hours of 12 o'clock, noon, and 1 o'clock P. M.
GEORGE R. ARNOLDS, Assistant Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NIAGARA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 12 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 27, 1871.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS and Inspectors of Election for the ensuing year will be held at their office, No. 12 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, the 14th day of March next, at 12 o'clock, noon.
The polls will remain open one hour.
H. KIP, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE 42D-ST. AND GRAND ST. F. R. R. CO., FOOT OF 42D-ST., NORTH RIVER, NEW-YORK, Feb. 27, 1871.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS and Inspectors of Election for the ensuing year will be held at this office on TUESDAY, March 14, 1871. Polls open from 12 to 1.
MARK G. ALLEN, Secretary.

AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Sheridan Gold Mining Company, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 32 Cliff-st., on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of March next, at 12 o'clock M. By order,
H. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

BANKING HOUSE OF
Geo. Opdyke & Co
35 Nassau-st.
CORNER OF CEDAR-ST.
FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on current accounts subject to check at sight.
FIRST INVESTMENTS for trust and other funds always on hand.
INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Government, Gold, Stocks and Grain.
COLLECTIONS WANTED ON CHICAGO, KEOKUK, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

DRY GOODS.

FAMILY AND HOTEL FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.
ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.
SPRING STOCK NOW OPEN.
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12:00 A. M., Northern and Western express, drawing-room cars attached.
4:00 P. M., Montreal express, drawing-room cars attached.
5:00 P. M., Special Pacific express, with sleeping-cars through to St. Louis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Toledo and Chicago, for Rochester, and all points West.
6:00 P. M., First Pacific express, with sleeping-cars through to Watertown, Syracuse and Oswego (daily.)
8:00 P. M., Second Pacific express, drawing-room cars attached.
11:00 P. M., Night express, sleeping-cars attached.
7:40 A. M. and 4:00 P. M., Poughkeepsie trains.
9:00 A. M., 3:15 and 6:40 P. M., Peekskill trains.
7:00 and 6:10 P. M., Sing Sing trains.
8:40, 7:00, 9:30 and 10:45 A. M., 12 M., 1:30, 3, 4:30, 5:15, 6:30 and 11:00 P. M., Yonkers trains.
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S. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1870.

RESUMPTION OF THROUGH TRAINS.
The Harlem Bridge having been replaced, all trains will leave Harlem River Depot, 30th-st., as usual.
C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.
Feb. 9, 1871.

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THE ALUMNI OF PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY, and all other good citizens, are earnestly requested to contribute to the fund now being raised by a Committee of the Alumni to repay some money borrowed, and to discharge a debt of which by law the annually impaired endowments of the institution. Remittances in any amount to WILLIAM BOOTT, Treasurer, No. 4 Beacon Building, Boston, will be gratefully received and acknowledged.
JOHN G. PALFREY, Chairman.
BOSTON, Feb. 6, 1871.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE.
THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT of this Institution will be held in Steinway Hall on WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 1, at 8 o'clock. The address to the graduating class will be delivered by CHARLTON T. LEWIS, Esq. The

THE COAL CRISIS.

No Compromise Between the Operators and the Miners.

Public Interest Unheeded—The Railroad and Coal Operators—Meeting of the Middle-Men—Movements of the Miners—The State of the Market—Sufferings of the Poor.

The public mind continues to be absorbed in the question of the stock, price, and prospective advance of coal. The Sabbath-day rest has scarcely allayed the general excitement. Even the overcoatless, who previously had regarded the matter as a speculative sensation, became convinced of the serious facts of the case, as they have been published in the TIMES. The more doubtful, who visited some of the almost depleted coal-yards, stared briefly but ominously at the situation, and made haste to purchase what they absolutely needed elsewhere.

TIMELY ECONOMY.

The majority of housekeepers appear to have profited by the advice given in these columns last week, and are economizing with almost as much earnestness as though we were in besieged Paris. Many who never before have deigned to be economical are now daily supervising the sifting of all their ashes, separating the cinders, sweetening the residue and cautiously mixing the mass with fresh coal. This is found to be really excellent fuel for all household purposes, except that it will not afford such a sharp, quick and enduring heat for baking-pans as new coal. Large quantities of coke are also being used. The saloons, oyster and chop houses that are destitute of coal declare that coke is quite as good, although more troublesome and dirty. It makes a good, quick, hot fire, and burns clear, with but a slight proportion of cinders. Wood, charcoal, chips and other articles that burn freely are also being extensively used.

EFFECT OF THE PRECAUTIONS.

These precautions are having a most beneficial effect upon the situation. Retailers declare that their sales have received a perceptible check. Friday and Saturday they were overwhelmed with applications for coal. Yesterday they remarked that other substances were being improvised, and the first thrill of alarm that excited the people seemed to have been allayed by our timely suggestions. But it is an unquestionable fact that the matter is of too serious a nature to be treated with any degree of unconcern. The cause of the trouble is as unsettled as it was before. Every day a settlement is delayed entails a tremendous pecuniary loss. Everybody is affected in some degree, from the great capitalists to the small householders and the poor.

THE RAILROAD AND COAL OWNERS.

The great railroad and coal corporations are already groaning with their vexatious burdens, but present an unflinching front to the miners. They declare that nothing will induce them to relax their determination. All day yesterday their offices were the scenes of earnest and anxious consultations. Messages were constantly interchanged by telegraph between their agents at the mines, the Union committees, and prominent iron and other manufacturers. Much of this was, of course, confidential. No communications of an official character were received from the miners' head-quarters, but a great many individual conferences between intelligent miners and the mine agents occurred. The result was unsatisfactory. Until sundown nothing had occurred that will be likely to materially change the aspect of affairs.

All the coal companies are exceedingly anxious to controvert the prevailing idea that they are profiting by this state of affairs or that they even anticipated it. On the contrary, they wish it ascertained that they have no coal on hand either here or at the mines. In proof of the sincerity of this statement they refer to printed handbills, about 200,000 of which were distributed last August, offering to all retail consumers who would engage one or more tons before the first of November, to deliver the coal at any time desired during the months of December, January, February and March, at the following rates: Grate, $6; stove, $6 50; egg, chestnut, $6 50. They are now fulfilling their contracts, and have barely sufficient stock left to do so.

THE MIDDLE-MEN'S SECRET MEETING.

The middle-men had a meeting in Trinity Building yesterday. It was largely attended and the proceedings were animated. The entire question was freely discussed, and all for or against movements in alleviation of the prevailing difficulty and their own quandary, were discussed. The main point at issue, of course, was how to get coal to sell. The market in its present exhausted condition, is a barren and deserted field to them, for besides having for the time their "occupation gone," they helplessly incur the wrath of all their customers. Without judging of the exact source of blame, those of the retailers whose empty yards and bins resound with the reproaches of clamorous customers, in turn vent their exasperation upon the middle-men. After a great deal of rambling conversational discussion, the main vital point was reached by proposing the question of the reduction of the tariff upon North American coal productions. There seemed to be an unanimous and earnest feeling in favor of such a measure, and the support of the meeting is said to have been promised in that direction. The general opinion seemed to be against the miners principally, and the coal corporations and railroads partially, as responsible for the present evils. Nothing, however, was said of certain middle-men who are reported to have taken considerable advantage of the crisis, vastly to their pecuniary benefit. Altogether, the results as well as the proceedings of this consultation were quite indefinite, the main points established being relative to their professional business. The most definite fact adduced was, that outside of a few coal-yards there is scarcely any stock to be had in the City.

MOVEMENTS OF THE MINERS.

There has been a flood of private correspondence between the miners in the Pennsylvania regions and their business and familiar friends here. Yesterday the quantity had largely increased, and the evidences of their determination were plentiful. But while the feeling against the coal and railroad corporations is unanimous, there are indications of a want of cohesiveness among the various branch unions. In some instances this amounts to positive disaffection. Some of these miners, although a rough-and-ready set, are very intelligent, seize the salient points of a question affecting their interests, and combat it with an ability and promptitude that is as novel as it is surprising. One of them said: "You think that we miners, because we don't have much book-learning, are led by some of our bosses like calves with a halter around their necks. It isn't so. We are not so easily deceived as all that. We don't believe in all the doings of these 'unions.' Not my a long shot. A good many of us will not stay in those unions another season. In fact, if this strike is carried on much longer, we won't stand it any now. Some of us believe in meeting the coal companies and making a compromise. None of us believe in working for just what they may choose to give us. We are united there. We think it a great deal better to work on fair wages all the year rather than have a strike. A strike is a bad thing. We can, but we don't, save enough money to stand it. We don't get along comfortably through it. Our families suffer. A strike don't do us any good that way. What we want is fair pay and fair play, and work all the year round. The coal companies and the people lose more money by our troubles than if we were treated decently. It is all very nice for these coal men in New-York to say what they please, and have their side of the story get to the public; but if everybody could be at the mines, and see us they would think on our side. We are not rioters. We have abided the law. We have kept the peace although the railroad employes have tried to provoke us to break it. All we want is right, and that we mean to have. We have got 150,000 votes, and we will cast them for our friends. Our politics and bread are close together."

Another one said: "We are going to stick together through this fight, but those head-centres are not a going to handle us another year as they do now. They don't take heed to what our opinions are. We don't believe in extreme. A good many of the young lads want the highest prices and are very stiff-necked. But the old men know better. We don't want to lay off idle any time. It is a bad thing for us in every way, especially so with the lads. I tell you what, it would be better for everybody concerned if we had steady work at good wages. We want to go to work. We must go to work. We are going to make the companies compromise. There is one thing sure: some of our fellows are so hard up and the families so pinched that something must be done, or there will be more trouble. A good many of us blame the Union bosses for about half of the trouble. They have got to meet the companies half way."

SUFFERING IN THE COAL REGIONS.

In the Luzerne region affairs are assuming a most serious aspect. There is a great deal of destitution and little or no relief. It is said that although each member of these unions contributes $1 per week toward a relief and sick fund while work lasts, the treasuries are empty. The same, in different degrees, may be said of other districts, the Schuylkill, Scranton and Luzerne being prominently in that strait. The best informed of the miners are beginning to murmur against the dictatorship of JOHN SINEX, President of the Miners' and Laborers' Benevolent Union. A general conference of the leaders occurs today at Pittston, and another in the Luzerne region to-morrow. It is said that the Grand Council that abrogated the $2 50 basis, unanimously agreed upon for this county in 1871, will meet on Wednesday at Mahanoy City. It is presumed that no action will be taken on the proposition made by the meeting held in Philadelphia until the Council acts. Important results are expected in both instances. Trade of all kinds has suffered severely, and a continuance of the present condition of affairs will be ruinous to many dealers. The state of things affects the whole locality. There are one hundred and eighty stone-coal breakers, several prominent ones are open near Kingston and Wilkesbarre. The coal mined is not shipped, however, in consequence of the exorbitant tolls. The general impression is that it will be a month, at least, before any of the anthracite article reaches the cities, and even then it will be in a small quantity.

CONDITION OF THE MARKET.

The condition of the market in this City, yesterday, showed little variation from our previous report. As it wholesals the stock is so small, and the prices so fluctuating, that no exact quotations can be made. The retail trade maintains prices as $16 to $14 or $15; $21 50 may be accounted the average. The amount of sales has increased. In some cases the owners of emptied yards have allowed the poor to come and dig up the refuse coal, and sift and carry it away. Heartless grocers take advantage of the panic, and charge eighteen or twenty cents per peck. This in the face of the fact that no actual coal famine has yet seized us. Coke is being extensively used. It can be had at $7 per chaldron. Of course, these prices will all be increased as the supply diminishes. Should the obstinacy of the contestants last a few more days, the prices will be greatly increased.

SCARCITY IN OTHER PLACES.

This City is not the only locality where the people suffer so greatly from the scarcity. Many villages and towns in the interior of this State are in the same trouble. Newburg, on the Hudson, where the Pennsylvania Company has their principal depot, is entirely destitute. Coal is being carried in wagons from points along the Erie road—other places are no better off. It is estimated that there are not more than 20,000 tons, or about one month's supply, in Boston, and the price is $12 a ton. The complaint of scarcity and high prices also exists at Providence, Worcester, Fitchburg and other manufacturing sections. The Boston Journal says that the amount of coal brought into the city from Jan. 1 up to the present time is 9,000 tons, while last year the number of tons brought to the port in January and February was 20,019 tons.

In New-Jersey and the New-England States a similar state of affairs exists. The Erie Railway has not yet effected any arrangements for supplying Paterson with coal. It is said that the vast line of cars on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, between Rutherford Park and Hoboken, are partly empty or filled with coal belonging to private persons.

It is said that a number of car-loads have arrived at Paterson via the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and are guarded by a cordon of Police.

SUFFERING AMONG THE POOR.

The sufferings of the poor during the reign of this coal terror have been severe. During ordinary times, with the utmost economy, they are sparcely able to buy enough fuel to prepare their food. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, many of them were freezes. The missionaries relate pathetic stories. In many of the large tenement-houses of the lower class there have been families who have been forced to eat uncooked food. Some have applied to the mission houses for victuals, and the little ones who attend the mission schools tell how their whole family have gone to bed and huddled together for warmth. Are these the only ones. Some in better circumstances have been proportionately pinched. A merciful Providence tempers the season so that there is no danger of the poor being frost-bitten, but the chill, damp night air is very uncomfortable and dangerous to health. To add to the general state of alarm, it has been intimated that the railroads intend to increase the price for bread, if the coal and wood rates advance any more. Other articles will sympathise of course. One of the greatest opportunities for benevolence that ever was offered is in distributing fuel and food just at this time. It should not be done at random. The established charitable agencies alone can discriminate between the needy and the pretenders.

THE COAL MINES.

Meeting of the Lehigh Miners—They Resolve to Stand Out Three—Fifty Cents a Ton Demanded.

MAUCH CHUNK, Penn., Feb. 27.—At a meeting of miners held at Summit Hill, last night, the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the working men of the Lehigh region will not accept the terms dictated by the operators, proved companies and others, at Scranton, but that the terms of 1870 are the only ones they will pay, and will accept no less.

Resolved, That it is worth fifty cents to a week's wages to pay on half-acres of a pair of boots, and we believe it to be the worst policy of drivers for mining a ton of coal, when taking into account the risk of life and limb, cost of labor, powder, etc., to pay a ton of coal to be [illegible] 50 cents less than it cost to mine it.

[illegible] miners and laborers of the Lehigh region will not work upon terms offered without first submitting them to a Region meeting for approval. A motion was adopted that all coal taken out during suspension be paid for on the basis and sliding scale of 1870, at the price for which coal sells at the resumption of work.

CALLING THE CALENDAR.

Commencing Criminal Trials at the United States Circuit Court—Judge Woodruff's Charge to the Grand Jury—Fining Delinquent Jurors—List of Cases for the Term.

Judge WOODRUFF sat at the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, for the purpose of disposing of criminal cases.

A Grand Jury was impanneled, of which Mr. WILLIAM H. SMITH was appointed foreman. The members were charged by Judge WOODRUFF, who said that there were many cases to be tried at that term, and adverted to the offenses which would be the subject of investigation. He said that one of the principal questions to be brought before them was in reference to the treatment of seamen on board of vessels. It was necessary that there should be proper discipline established and enforced on board vessels, as the Captains had no opportunity to call in the aid of the officers of the law to preserve order, but after taking that fact into consideration they should see that seamen be protected from brutal treatment. The Judge then referred to the cases of counterfeiting and passing counterfeit money which are on the calendar, and also to the cases involving violations of the Revenue and Customs laws. The Grand Jury subsequently retired, after which Assistant District-Attorney FOSTER presented a criminal calendar consisting of fifty-five cases. Judge WOODRUFF ordered days for the trial of several of the cases, as follows:

Peter Johnson, attempt to create a revolt on shipboard, and Joseph Hartnett, opening letters, Feb. 28; Christian Hartell, opening letters, and J. Woodruff by a boatswain's mate, March 1; Capt. John L. Grinde, cruel and unusual punishment on the high seas, Daniel J. Kelly, embezzling letters, and Jas. O'Neil, perjury, March 2; Chas. Purdon, Jas. Meredith, Sam. D. Ackerman and Jas. Ackerman, piracy on the high seas, March 3; Louis Zellner and David Herring, counterfeiting, March 6; George F. Chadwick and Robert Lowry, non-payment of special tax as lottery dealers, March 7; Alexis Nicolas, counterfeiting, and George F. Dunning, presenting false vouchers to the Government, March 8; Louis Meyer, counterfeiting, and Charles H. Purdy, manslaughter by oil, March 9; S. Oakley, embezzling the funds of a national bank, and David Leech, murder on the high seas, March 13. There were several others reserved, among which were the following: Robert Van Brock, forging Pay-masters' checks; Morris S. Hill, embezzling the funds of a national bank; Benson Howard, counterfeiting revenue stamps; Lodge and Herringer, conspiracy to defraud the Government; William Quirk, fraudulent voting; Owen Gannon, resisting a United States officer; Christopher R. Duggan, embezzling letters, and Geo. Thomas Jordan and Dominick Rizzi, violation of the Neutrality act. There were about twenty-five indictments against lottery-dealers called, but no special day was fixed for the trial of any of them. The following are the names of the accused: John K. Maintyre, Philip Siebert, Frederick Bauer, Louis Nuolino, Charles Koehka, Christian Walsh, William Morton, George Glatthaar, Lawrence Boorman, George Fisher, Thomas Brady, Jacob Abrahams, Justin Pecoria, Francis Bell, James Loeder, Charles Bellew, Frederick Gerald, Anton Diederick, George Rothemar, Theodore Koppel, Benjamin Nodles, Christian Napling. Frank Stewart, the case of William J. Gordon, charged with opening letters, was called, but the accused not making his appearance, his bail bond was declared forfeited. After the calendar had been arranged, the case of John T. Lawrence, indicted for stealing letters, was called on for trial. The names of several gentlemen were called as petit jurors, but no response being received from any of them, a fine of $25 was imposed on each, as follows: Isaac H. Bailey, E. N. Lawrence, Josiah S. Leavitt, Frederick M. Winston. Notices to show cause why fines should not be imposed for non-attendance of jurors were ordered to be served on the following-named gentlemen, who were subpœnaed, but failed to attend: John Hopkins, Charles O. Hatch, H. C. Hardy, Edward Cooper, Thomas L. Jackson and George West-fields. A verdict of guilty was found against Lawrence, who was remanded for sentence. Morch Rad-[illegible] stand trial on five counts, and was subsequently arraigned. The Court finally adjourned until this morning.

EXTRAORDINARY LIBEL SUIT.

Two Arrests Ordered by Judge Barnard at the Instigation of Count Johannes—Value of Personal Liberty Set Forth Broad.

"GEORGE, the Count JOHANNES," yesterday enacted the farce of commencing a suit for libel against two gentlemen associated with the TIMES. Some weeks since there was read in the Court of General Sessions, in connection with the trial of one JAMES RUGGES, charged with larceny, an affidavit sworn to by one ALBERT F. CRAIG, in which he charged the existence of a conspiracy between certain parties, including "JOHANNES," to obtain the reward of the Nathan murder by securing the conviction of some person of the crime. This affidavit was publicly read in Court, and published in all the daily papers of this City, including the TIMES. After all these weeks have elapsed, "Count JOHANNES" has brought his preposterous suit. The persons who finally consented to become his bondsmen to the extent of $100,000 (!!!) are almost the invariable amount in such cases. They are JASON H. TUTTLE, of No. 208 Skillman-street, Brooklyn, and JOHN R. NORRIS, No. 48 Nassau-street, New-York. "The Count" asks damages in the modest sum of $75,000, and as his grounds for the recovery of them he sets forth in his complaint the following grave and startling allegations: That he is an attorney-at-law, and resides at "LEGGITT'S new Hotel;" that he is a "public lecturer and oratorical illustrator of the Holy Scriptures, and of works of SHAKESPEARE and other poets, and a public author and writer for the public journals, which, apart from his higher aspiration for honorable fame, are his means of income, emolument and profit; that since the publication of the affidavit charged as libelous, he has endured intense mental sufferings, and wounded feelings, the result of which has been proportional sensitiveness, and respect for public opinion; that he has been grossly insulted in the corridors of the Court-house, and in the public streets, and in going to and from his law office, and by foul and abusive language; that such foul and abusive language, and epithets of lunatic, and other kindred terms have been hurled at his devoted head as the effect of this alleged libel; that his professional signs have been torn down from his law-office door, and the directory board stolen and carried away; that he has been assaulted on board a Fulton Ferry boat, thus jeopardizing his life and that of others, should any one strike as well as threaten him; that all of which he charges as the result of this same alleged libel, and to all of which, and much more, "The Count" makes oath.

On this bond for $100, executed by "The Count" and his two sureties, Judge BARNARD yesterday granted an order of arrest against the defendants, directing that they be held to bail in $10,000 each, and the latter, on being notified that such an order had been made, filed the required bonds with the Sheriff. In the Sheriff's office every reasonable courtesy was shown to the defendants.

Young Men's Christian Association—Monthly Meeting—Address by Rev. Mr. Hitchcock.

The monthly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was very slimly attended last evening, and the reports of the various committees represented a manifest lack of spiritual interest in the devotional meetings. The Social and Religious Committee maintain thirteen cottage prayer-meetings, which have proved successful. The Employment Committee furnished or found employment for sixteen out of a very large number of applicants for work and pecuniary aid. The Membership Committee recommend the election of 116 associate, 67 active members and 1 counseling member. The Library received several pieces during the evening. Rev. Mr. HITCHCOCK, of Fourteenth-street Presbyterian Church, addressed the meeting briefly on the "Abuse of the Thinking Faculties, or Mental Waste." The power of thought and its importance was pointed out, and a few of the many ways in which it may be abused and wrongly exhausted were pointed by disuse. There are many minds, he said, which rust out. It requires effort to think and persistent effort to think well. Every man should learn to think and act for himself, even if others can think better and lay claim to infallibility. Second, the limitation of thought is an abuse, a waste. It produces narrow-mindedness and disagreeable traits of character. We should look at both sides of every question, and love truth for its own sake. Thirdly, an aimless, desultory understanding, in which the soul takes refuge in wasting thought. The habit is what does the harm, and that is easily formed. And, fourthly, the employment of thought upon wrong and improper objects. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. The importance of right thinking was therefore enforced and the closing reflection was given in the words of the Apostle, "whatsoever things are pure, lovely and of good report, &c., think on these things."

The Chairman subsequently made a few remarks in regard to the danger with which the Association is threatened, namely, of losing its spiritual power in its material prosperity. He urged closer attention to prayer and devotion, and especially to the religious meetings of the Association.

[illegible] Democratic Republican Assembly District Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the Twenty-fourth Assembly District Republican Association was held last evening at the Washington Hall, Forty-ninth-street, Mr. GEORGE P. BRADFORD in the chair.

[illegible] were present and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The motion of Mr. E. D. BULLOCK, which was laid over from the last meeting, was taken up and read by the Secretary. The resolution called upon all good Republicans to bury all personal feeling, and to unite once again to fight the common enemy, the Democratic Party. They hail with pleasure the acceptance of the office of Chairman of the Union Republican General Committee by Hon. HORACE GREELEY, as an omen of peace, and they pledge him their united support to carry out those principles which are for the best interest of the cause—unity and harmony. They appeal to the members of the State Central Committee, and ask that no stumbling-block be thrown in their way to delay the good work which has commenced with such favorable auspices.

Mr. BULLOCK, the mover, said he understood the motion would not be unanimously received, and, for the sake of unanimity, he begged leave to withdraw it. Consent was given, and the motion was accordingly withdrawn.

Mr. BULLOCK next said he was informed that there were sixteen additional appointments to be made in the Post-office, and he suggested that the Association take immediate steps to obtain a share of the appointments for members of their district.

The Chairman said that as there were twenty-one Assembly Districts and only sixteen appointments, the matter would only amount to three-quarters of a man. (Laughter.)

It was moved and seconded that Mr. JOHN H. RUSSELL be appointed a committee to wait on the Postmaster, as the representative of the Association, and to demand a portion of the patronage.

Mr. ELLINGER suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee on Appointments.

After some further discussion the Association adjourned, without taking any action on Mr. BULLOCK's motion.

The Hamilton Opera-House Drawing—The Winner of the First Prize Not Yet Found.

There is but one of the offices of the Hamilton Opera-house lottery in this City open, and that, since the publication of the numbers drawing the principal prizes, has been besieged by a continual stream of eager questioners. Anxious faces, expressive of doubt and expectation, appear at the agency, and voices with slight tremors of excitement, inquire for official information. When told by the cool and smiling gentleman behind the counter that their hopes as to the great prizes are groundless, they go away, carrying with the hope that they may draw some of the thousands, or at least the hundreds, and so they flatter themselves with delusions, until the loss of their $5 greenback, and the chance of sudden wealth become a grim and undeniable fact. The subject is the cause of much gossip and interest in the City, and as it is said by the agent the greater number of the tickets have been sold here, it is not to be wondered at that there should be a consequent excitement. The number which drew the capital prize, No. 20,609, was sold by the agent on Saturday, at 10 A. M., but the individual who bought it has not yet made his appearance. A clerk in the St. Nicholas Hotel, name unknown, drew a $1,000 prize, and a woman residing in Greene-street, name also unknown, drew one of the same magnitude. It is also stated at the office that several $500 prizes have been drawn by tickets sent in New-York. The fortunate man who drew the Opera-house is described by the agent as a rough-looking man, having somewhat the appearance of a country farmer. He said, after a few minutes' hesitation, "I will take the first ticket that comes up," and doing so, he paid his five dollars. He then remarked, with an air of confidence. "If I should draw the Opera-house, now would I manage to get any benefit from it here?" A gentleman in hearing suggested that it might be sent on in a registered letter, and the man seemed to receive this solution of the problem with some seriousness. There is another individual who had a dream in which the number 28,609 appeared to him. He bought the ticket bearing that number, and had so much faith in his dream that he will not abandon the idea that he has drawn the capital prize until he sees the official drawing published in full. He thinks that by some clerical error a figure eight has been turned to naught.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The trial of the suit brought by the Government against WM. C. WELD, RICHARD BAKER, Jr., GEO. W. WELD, and FREDERICK W. BAKER, for the recovery of $[illegible] for alleged frauds in the transportation of 2,222,[illegible] pounds of sugar, was continued before Judge BLATCHFORD, at the United States District Court, yesterday. The principal evidence was in regard to the standards of weight at Manila, from which place the sugar was imported. District-Attorney DAVIS, and Assistant District-Attorney EMERSON, conducted the case for the Government.

The Central Park Meteorological Report for last week sets forth the following facts and figures: Barometer—Mean, 30.102 inches; maximum, at 4 A. M., Feb. 22, 30.404 inches; minimum, at 6 P. M., Feb. 19, 29.620 inches; range, .833 inch. Thermometer—Mean, 34.7°; maximum, at 12 M., Feb. 25, 52.5°; minimum, at 1 A. M., Feb. 23, 10.5°; range, 42.0°. Feb. 20, rain from 9 P. M. to 12 P. M., amount of water, .08 inch; Feb. 21, rain from 6 P. M. to 2 A. M., amount of water, .16 inch; total amount of water for week, .24 inch. Distance traveled by the wind during the week, 267 miles.

Mr. EMMET OLCOTT, an American student of the University at Berlin, repeated last evening, at the Tara Hall, in Orchard-street, before the Turnverein, his lecture in German, entitled "The Crown Prince's Pass," embracing an interesting narrative of his adventures, vicissitudes and narrow escapes as bearer of dispatches in France, in the early part of the war. The proceeds will go to the German relief fund.

JEREMIAH LANE, of No. 476 Pearl-street, had a quarrel on St. Valentine's Day with JOHN DAVIS, a butcher, residing at No. 60 Park-street, when the latter seized a knife and stabbed his opponent in the breast, inflicting a serious wound. DAVIS was arrested as the assailant, but LANE was unable to appear against him until yesterday, when Justice DOWLING held the prisoner for trial.

Early yesterday morning SARAH SEAL, who lives at No. 29 Perry-street, while intoxicated, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the East River, at the foot of Rivington-street, but was rescued with great difficulty by Officer JOHN MANTIN, of the Eleventh Precinct, and taken to the Union Market Police Station-house, where she was locked up after she had been fully resuscitated.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, Recorder HACKETT sentenced GEO. H. MARSHALL to four years and nine months at hard labor in the State Prison, on two indictments for forgery, one of $56 and another of $11,000. The same sentence was pronounced against CHARLES WILLKINSON and HARRIS TUCKER, for stealing $1,460 in jewelry.

Rev. MASON GALLAGHER, of Brooklyn, will deliver his popular lecture, on "Ireland and the Irish," this evening, at the Association Hall, corner Fourth-avenue and Twenty-third-street. The proceeds will be applied to the fund of the Senior Bible Class of the Forsyth-street M. E. Church. The hall will, doubtless, be well filled.

ALEXANDER WINDERFF was committed to answer at Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, before Judge COX, on a charge of stabbing JOHN DELANEY in the breast with a knife, on Sunday evening. Both parties were sailors, belonging to the steam-ship *Nebraska*, now lying at Pier No. 46.

ANDREW H. LOVELL, the reputed leader of a gang of sneaks encamped at the corner of Sixty-first-street and Fourth-avenue, who was arrested on Saturday for passing a counterfeit $2 bill, was brought before Commissioner SHIELDS yesterday, and was discharged, the complainant not being able to identify the money.

The ladies of the Thirteenth-street Welsh Presbyterian Church, between Second and Third avenues, will hold a sociable tea party to-morrow, (Wednesday,) evening, several eminent Welsh clergymen will be present, and a good time may be anticipated.

MOSES ROTHSCHILD, of the firm of ROTHSCHILD & Co., of No. 38 White-street, who was arrested on a charge of defrauding HOGUET & Co., his creditors, while insolvent, was discharged by Commissioner BETTS, yesterday, the evidence failing to show intent.

The statement made in some of the morning papers that Alderman WOLTMAN is seriously unwell is erroneous. He has been very sick but not seriously so, and is reported to be recovering. Neither Board of the Common Council met yesterday.

The collection of the late JOHN HALPIN, for many years one of the most distinguished engravers of the country, consisting of paintings, water colors, etchings, engravings, and books is to be sold this evening at LEAVITT'S, Clinton Hall, for the benefit of his family.

The Methodist Book Concern Sub-Committee has not yet determined upon the names of experts to be chosen. The time since the first meeting last week, has been consumed in examining the recommendations of applicants and in discussing the merits of each.

Coroner KEENAN held an inquest yesterday at No. 2,383 Third-avenue, in the case of HERMAN M. LOVE, who poisoned herself on Saturday by swallowing Paris green. No motive could be ascertained for the act. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts.

A fire occurred yesterday morning on the third floor of No. 249 East Twenty-eighth-street, doing a damage of $300 to the furniture, and $150 to the building, which is owned by G. M. HOFFMAN, of No. 238 Third-avenue.

ROBERT MASSEY, a lottery-dealer, was arrested on a bench warrant, yesterday, and subsequently gave bail before Commissioner SHIELDS to appear for trial on a charge of non-payment of the special Government tax.

BROOKLYN.

The body of JOHN MCCLUSKEN, who was employed as watchman on board the elevator *Leigh*, was found floating in the basin of the Atlantic Dock yesterday morning. The deceased was missed from his post on Sunday evening, and his hat having been found floating in the water, the supposition is that he fell overboard accidentally and was drowned.

The illicit whisky business in the Fifth Ward has within the last few weeks assumed such alarming dimensions that the Revenue authorities are seriously meditating another raid upon that section of the city. District-Attorney TRACY has, it is said, recommended to the Government the propriety of amending the law, so as to permit the Attorney-General to extemporize a civil posse of deputy-marshals to constitute the legal support of the Assessors when making seizures.

The Board of Aldermen met yesterday and passed the resolution for the increase of the Fire Department over the veto of the Mayor. The resolution authorizes the addition of three engines and one hook and ladder company to the force now existing, at an expense of $106,000. A resolution was also passed prohibiting any person, under a penalty of $20, from keeping any dog which shall, "by its whining or howling," disturb the neighborhood.

Shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out in a small frame house at the corner of Bergen-street and Buffalo-avenue, owned by HENRY GILMAN, and completely destroyed the premises. The property was valued at $300—fully insured in the Germania.

The Mayor, the members of the Water Board, and several other eminent citizens, will today visit the site of the proposed new reservoir, and at the same time make a thorough inspection of the present means of supplying the City with water.

LONG ISLAND.

Since the body of a convict who it is reported died of small-pox was brought from Blackwell's Island, to Long Island City, it has transpired, on investigation, that the friends of the persons who died on the Island are accustomed to take them over to the Long Island shore, as the authorities of Queens County permit the bodies to be buried without an investigation, which is not allowed by the New-York authorities. The keepers permit this, as it relieves them from much trouble. Much indignation is felt in Long Island City, and it is said that the small-pox was introduced by this means into the city. Orders have been issued to the authorities of the city, by the Mayor, to arrest any one attempting to smuggle into the city Blackwell Island's dead, in the future, and Coroner TEWKSBURY has determined to have an inquest over every such case.

The Board of Managers of the Queens County Agricultural Society met at their grounds, Mineola, yesterday. Appropriate resolutions were passed relative to the death of DAVID B. FLOYD JONES and SAMUEL T. TABOR, late Ex-Presidents of the Society. Other routine business followed, after which it was resolved to inclose the seven acres of land on the south of the grounds, which is the property of the Society. The Secretary was instructed to advertise for bids for furnishing material for the fence, and also for doing the work, and report at the next meeting. The Board adjourned to meet at Mineola March 27.

The cotton factory of GRAINGER & KETCHUM, at Patchogue, was totally destroyed by fire, the work of an incendiary, on Sunday night. Loss, $35,000; partially insured. Two hundred persons were thrown out of employment. The factory was owned by the OAKSMITHS.

The Excise Commissioners of Flushing are moving. Notices have been served on delinquent liquor-dealers, who have forgotten to take out a license. It is said the number of this class is largely in excess of those who paid up.

On Saturday night thieves effected an entrance to the store of WILLIAM HUNTS, in Roslyn. They killed a dog which was kept in the store, and then blew open the safe, in which was $430. Four hundred dollars of the amount was in a pocket-book, which was blown into the middle of the room by the explosion, unperceived by the thieves, who received but the $30 for their trouble. It is evident they had not the tools with which to operate, as they broke into the railroad engine-house and appropriated hammers and chisels. They then took the hand-car and escaped. They did not disturb the dry goods.

The residents of Newtown propose to build a transitment depot on the site of the present Flushing and North-side Railroad Depot; a subscription is being circulated for raising the necessary funds.

NEW-JERSEY.

The temperance organizations of Jersey City are about purchasing or renting a building, to be converted into reading, meeting, amusement, and refreshment rooms, for the convenience and entertainment of the members, and as a further security against the seductive influence of public billiard-rooms and restaurants.

About a week since a young dandy entered VAN DORAN'S clothing store in Elizabeth, and giving his name as WILLIAM B. ROBINSON, of the firm of ROBINSON & Co., Wall-street brokers, ordered a stylish outfit. On Saturday last he returned for his clothes, and telling VAN DORAN he would be back in a few minutes, left the store. Failing to return after many hours, VAN DORAN grew suspicious of his customer's identity, and informed Chief of Police KENON of the affair, and in a short time the latter arrested the self-styled ROBINSON and he was arraigned before Justice FARRAGHER, who directed him to give bonds to answer the charge. ROBINSON handed VAN DORAN a gold watch and chain, worth $200, as security for the payment of the clothes, which he accepted, and ROBINSON was discharged. Yesterday the clothier called on a jeweler named WADE to ascertain the true value of the watch, when he was informed that WADE sold the time-piece to ROBINSON on credit but a few days before.

The owners of meadow lands lying upon the bay front and Passaic between Jersey City and Newark yesterday held a meeting at the City Hall, Newark, to protest themselves against the proposed Dragon Drainage bill, now before the Legislature. Commissioners have been appointed by the Court to examine the merits of the Company. These estimates reach the sum of $600,000, or $125 per acre, and also entitles the Company to lands lying on the Passaic River and bay front to the extent of 150 feet from the shore. These estimates are regarded as excessive, and it is hoped the Legislature will refuse them, and, if possible, defeat the bill.

WILLIAM TREADWELL, who was arrested last week on a charge of passing a counterfeit $20 bill on a stationer named KASHAW, in Jersey City, had a preliminary examination yesterday, before United States Commissioner MUHRMAN, who committed him in default of $6,000 to appear for further examination on Saturday next. It is but fair to state, in behalf of the accused, that after he had sold the bill was convinced he refunded KASHAW the $20, observing that he was unaware the bill was bogus, and KASHAW expresses a like opinion.

The case of JOSIAH WARD, on trial at Camden, for the murder of JOHN WADEY, was continued yesterday. It was given in evidence that WADEY was in the habit of carrying upon his person large sums of money, and of frequently and foolishly exhibiting it. Some of the notes which he is supposed to have carried, and which were carefully ironed out, were shown. The defence has not yet commenced, and the trial will probably occupy the entire week.

A Mrs. CLUVE, of Jersey City, was swindled out of $150 on Sunday night by two "bogus" jewelry operators, who stated that they were in need of money and would deposit two gold watches worth, eight times the above sum, as security for the payment of the same. The women obliged the applicants, and to her grief found that the watches were crude and that the men were swindlers.

One of the Princeton students discovered a young lad concealed under his bed, most probably with the intention of stealing when an opportunity offered. The discovery accounts for the mysterious disappearance of many little articles from the student's dormitories of late. The young rascal received a sound drubbing from the student, and was then allowed to depart.

The Camden and Amboy Railroad Company's bonds for the transportation of imported goods in bond over the roads controlled by the joint companies, have been approved by the Treasury Department.

Trains will be run today, for the first time, over the Midland Railroad from Paterson to Yampanch, or Oakland, as it is to be called in the future.

ARMY AND NAVY RECORD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A general army order has been issued as follows:

"In consideration of the reduced number of Pay-masters and places to carry out the requirements of General Order No. 7, 1871, on the recommendation of the Pay-master-General, the Department and Divisions of Chief Pay-masters as heretofore designated in orders are abolished. The Pay-master-General will supply the chief Pay-masters of the Departments with the funds necessary for the payment of the Staff in the five Departments direct. The Department chiefs of Chief Pay-masters will transmit their periodical estimates for funds to the Pay-master-General direct. The Division of the Pacific is for the present excepted from the operation of this order.

Col. N. W. Brown, Assistant Pay-master-General, will assume the duties of Chief Pay-master of the Department of the East, relieving Major Henry Prince. Col. Daniel McClure, Assistant Pay-master-General, will assume the duties of Chief Pay-master of the Department of the South, relieving Major A. H. Seward. Lieut.-Col. Cary H. Fry, Deputy Pay-master-General, will assume the duties of Chief Pay-master of the Department of Missouri, relieving Major F. M. Hoyt.

Department Chief Pay-masters will report to their proper Department Commanders and be stationed at the Department Head-quarters, unless otherwise directed by their Department Commanders.

Major T. H. Stanton, Pay-master, is detached from the Department of the East, and will wait orders in this city. Major J. W. Nichols, Pay-master, is detached from the Department of the South, to wait orders close and make full return of his reconstruction disbursements without delay, and then report to the General commanding the Department of Dakota for duty in that Department.

Surgeon MacGruder has been ordered to proceed to St. Louis to attend the officers and their families, examine recruits and give medical attendance at the St. Louis Arsenal. Commodore Gillis has been ordered to the Naval Asylum, Philadelphia, and Surgeon Pitt has been detached from the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Mass., and ordered to the *Dictator*. The order assigning Surgeon Kennedy to the *Dictator* has been revoked.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 27.—American Securities opened firmer and closed quiet and steady. Stocks steady. The course of the market during the day is indicated by the following table:

	11 A. M.	1½ P. M.	4½ P. M.
Consols for money	91¾	92	92
Consols for account	91¾	92	92
United States 5-20s, 1862	91¾	..	91¾
United States 5-20s, 1865, old	89¾	..	90¼
United States 5-20s, 1867	90¾	..	90¾
United States 10-40s	89	..	88
Ill. Central R. R. Shares	100	..	100
Erie R. R. Shares	18¾	19	19
At. & Gt. W. R. R. Shares	20¼	..	20¼

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 27—4½ P. M.—COTTON—The market opened dull and closed dull and easier; Middling Uplands opened at 7¼d., and closed at 7¼d. Middling Orleans opened at 7¼d., and closed at 7¼d. @ 7½d. The sales of the day have been 10,000 bales, including 1,000 bales